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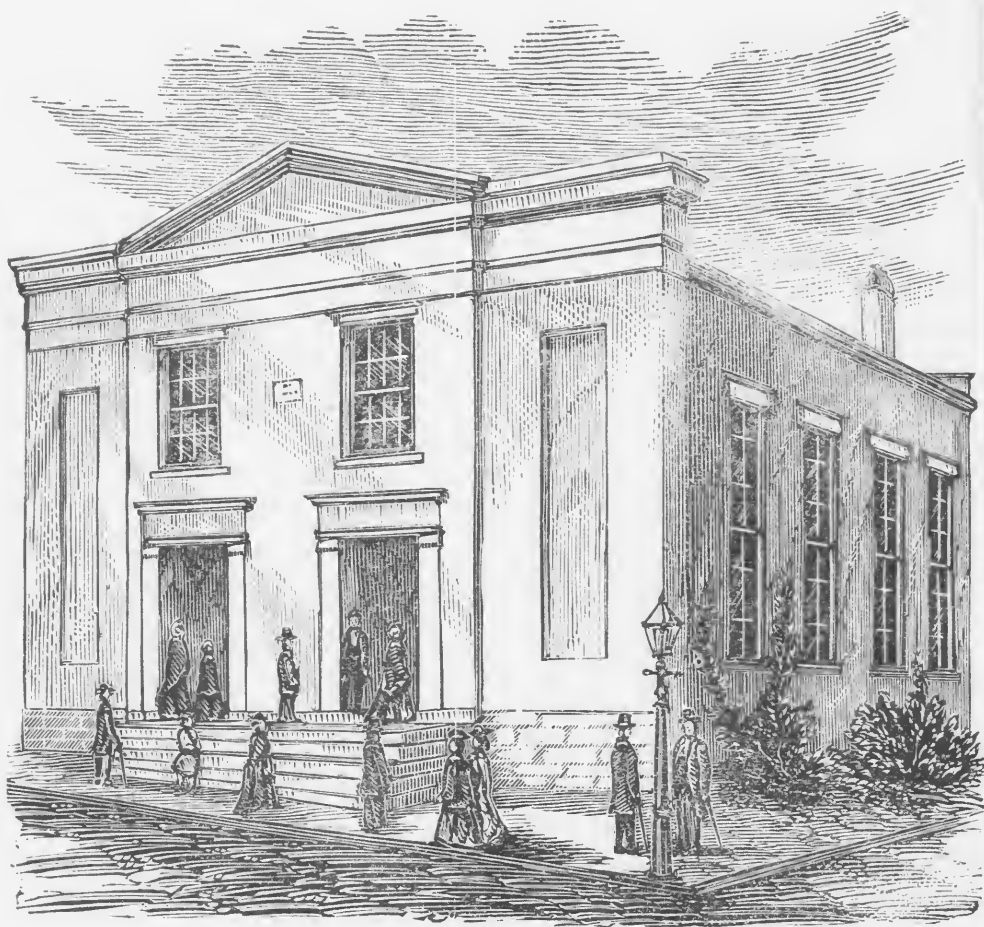
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FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND..	{	<i>Watson's Institutes.</i>
	}	<i>Evidences of Christianity.</i>
J. T. LASSELL	{	<i>English Grammar.</i>
J. L. MILLS.....	{	<i>Constitution and Discipline M. P. Church.</i>
	}	<i>Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.</i>

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

J. T. MURRAY.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.</i>
	}	<i>Attributes of God.</i>
J. T. WARD.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 1st to 5th Century.</i>
B. F. BENSON.....	{	<i>Portell on Succession.</i>

STUDENTS—John S. Bowers, J. W. Balderson.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

E. R. MCGREGOR.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.</i>
	}	<i>Original Sin.</i>
J. D. KINZER.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Redemption.</i>
S. T. GRAHAM.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th Century.</i>
R. S. NORRIS.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Institutions of Christianity.</i>

STUDENTS—Thos. E. Coulbourn, Wm. F. Roberts, James L. Elderdice, Geo. R. McCready, George H. McFaden.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

W. M. STRAYER.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Moral Law.</i>
E. J. DRINKHOUSE.....	{	<i>Butler's Analogy.</i>
W. S. HAMMOND.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 12th Century to close of Volume.</i>
J. M. HOLMES.....	{	<i>Wayland's Moral Science.</i>

STUDENT—Daniel W. Anstine.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 P. M., to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate, either for the itinerancy or for the first, second, or third year of the course; or for orders. The two-thirds will be marked 70. Answers over two-thirds, but less than 100 (the maximum) will be marked 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, in accordance with the professor's estimate of the proficiency. All questions answered, or all less three, will be marked 100. And all getting 100 will be so reported to the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,

President.

W. S. HAMMOND,

Secretary.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 9th, 1881.

THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION of the Maryland Annual Conference convened in the Bedford-street Methodist Protestant Church, Cumberland, Md., March 9th, 1881, at 9 A. M.

Rev. T. D. Valiant, President, read Psalm xcix. and 1 Peter v. 1-11; Hymn 552 was sung, and prayer offered by the President, after which Conference was declared open for the transaction of business.

The roll of ministers was called by the Secretary, and the Dead Roll by D. W. Bates.

Objection was made to the order of the ministerial roll, and it was suggested to return to the former plan of placing names on the roll in the order in which they were received into the itinerancy, which was afterwards adopted by the Conference.

The Secretary was made Committee on Credentials, and the roll of delegates was completed and read.

MEMBERS OF THE FIFTY-THIRD CONFERENCE.

MINISTERIAL.

	Rec'd.	Ord'd.		Rec'd.	Ord'd.
Augustus Webster,	1832	1833	Thomas McCormick,	1869	1829
J. W. Everest,	1833	1834	J. L. Straughn,	1870	1872
J. K. Nichols,	1836	1839	I. T. Adkins,	1870	1870
J. R. Nichols,	1838	1840	Henry Bruner,	1870	1872
D. F. Ewell,	1839	1839	F. T. Tagg,	1870	1871
J. M. Elderdice,	1840	1842	W. A. Crouse,	1870	1870
L. W. Bates,	1840	1842	W. J. Neepier,	1871	1873
J. T. Ward,	1841	1843	R. L. Lewis,	1871	1873
S. B. Southerland,	1841	1843	A. A. Harryman,	1871	1873
A. Baker,	1841	1842	W. J. Floyd,	1871	1871
J. J. Murray,	1842	1845	J. G. Sullivan,	1871	1873
P. L. Wilson,	1842	1843	J. B. Butler,	1871	1873
W. T. Dumm,	1843	1845	J. L. Killgore,	1872	Tr.
R. S. Norris,	1843	1844	E. R. McGregor,	1872	Tr.
D. W. Bates,	1843	1846	A. D. Melvin,	1872	1874
D. A. Shermer,	1844	1846	F. T. Little,	1873	1873
T. A. Moore,	1845	1847	S. B. Tredway,	1872	1874
David Wilson,	1845	1847	T. O. Crouse,	1872	1874
H. J. Day,	1846	1849	J. M. Yingling,	1873	1875
T. D. Valiant,	1846	1846	W. R. Graham,	1873	1874
J. A. McFaden,	1847	1849	D. N. Gilbert,	1873	1876
Jesse Shreeve,	1847	1849	W. J. D. Lucas,	1873	1876
J. H. Ellegood,	1850	1851	G. F. Farring,	1873	1876
E. J. Drinkhouse,	1850	1852	F. H. Mullineaux,	1873	1876
J. Clay,	1850	1852	J. A. Weigand,	1874	1876
W. S. Hammond,	1851	1853	A. J. Walter,	1874	1877
J. T. Murray,	1851	1853	H. C. Stern,	1874	1877
Thomas Lee,	1851	1852	G. Q. Bacchus,	1874	1877
C. H. Littleton,	1852	1853	R. T. Smith,	1874	1876
H. C. Cushing,	1853	1853	P. T. Hall,	1875	1878
James Thompson,	1853	1856	W. W. White,	1875	1878
A. D. Dick,	1854	1856	C. S. Arnett,	1875	1878
W. G. Holmes,	1855	1856	J. M. Sheridan,	1875	1877
B. F. Benson,	1857	1859	C. B. Middleton,	1876	1879
W. M. Strayer,	1858	1860	G. J. Smith,	1876	Tr.
J. E. Maloy,	1859	1861	S. R. Murray,	1876	1879
J. E. T. Ewell,	1859	1860	T. H. Lewis,	1876	1876
S. A. Hoblitzell,	1859	1860	J. W. Trout,	1876	1879
C. T. Cochel,	1859	1860	R. W. Berryman,	1876	Tr.
J. L. Mills,	1860	1862	S. J. Smith,	1877	1881
J. W. Charlton,	1860	1862	W. T. Valiant,	1877	1881
J. W. Gray,	1861	1863	J. M. Brown,	1878	1881
J. B. Jones,	1861	1862	A. D. Murray,	1879	1881
W. F. Livingston,	1861	1863	J. L. Leilich,	1879	1881
J. D. Kinzer,	1863	1865	D. W. Anstine,	1879	
W. D. Litsinger,	1863	1865	F. C. Klein,	1879	1881
S. T. Ferguson,	1864	1866	T. E. Coulbourn,	1880	
S. T. Graham,	1864	1866	W. F. Roberts,	1880	
R. S. Rowe,	1865	1865	J. L. Elderdice,	1880	
J. M. Holmes,	1865	1867	G. R. McCreedy,	1880	
A. T. Melvin,	1865	1867	G. H. McFaden,	1880	
A. W. Mather,	1866	1868	W. H. Stone,	1880	Tr.
J. T. Lassell,	1866	1866	J. S. Bowers,	1881	
H. E. Miskimon,	1866	1868	J. W. Balderson,	1881	
C. M. Thompson,	1868	1870	J. E. Nicholson,	1881	1875
D. L. Greenfield,	1868	1870			

MEMBERS OF FIFTY-THIRD CONFERENCE—CONTINUED.

LAY.

Accomac,	John D. Grant.	Leipsic,	J. W. Fennemore.
Alexandria, Va.,	Lou. Pettitt.	Liberty,	C. B. Withers.
All Saints,	Wm. Warfield.	Lynchburg,	R. L. Waldron.
Anne Arundel,	S. S. Tracy.	Middleway,	S. H. Watson.
Baltimore,	Joshua Cain.	Milford,	James A. Smith.
Bedford,	John J. Smouse.	Milton,	J. H. B. Mustard.
Belair,	D. S. Paige.	Newark,	George N. Lawrence.
Broadway,	Emory W. Starr.	9th-St., Wash'n,	J. S. Topham.
Campbell,	J. C. Peerman.	N.C. Ave, Wash.	T. B. Marche.
Caroline,	E. Saulsbury.	Pipe Creek,	D. A. C. Webster.
Cecil,	Joseph T. Reed.	Pocomoke,	A. P. Ellis.
Centreville,	Wm. E. Thompson.	Pocomoke City,	William Dale.
Chesapeake,	Samuel Burgess.	Potomac,	Wm. Ball.
Chestertown,	John W. Carroll.	Preston,	Owen C. Blades.
Chincoteague,	C. W. Duncan.	Quantico,	Wm. T. Downey.
Clayton,	G. W. Jacobs.	Queen Anne's,	E. B. Vandyke.
Concord,	Samuel Pisle.	Rainsburg,	G. W. Cessna.
Crumpton,	B. W. Shawn.	Rowlandsville,	J. T. McCullough.
Cumberland,	John Pitzer.	Salisbury,	E. L. Williams.
Deer Creek,	J. F. Johnson.	Seaford,	William Ellis.
Dorchester,	S. S. Ewell.	Snow Hill,	Ara P. Bowen.
Easton,	John Mason.	Somerset,	W. T. Miles.
East Baltimore,	Charles T. Gibson.	Southside,	W. M. Stratton.
Ellicott City,	John A. Tice.	South Baltimore,	S. C. Tall.
Eutaw,	G. H. Erdman.	Stewartstown,	J. W. Mullineaux.
Faith Mission,	John Thompson.	St. James,	Samuel Vannort.
Fawn Grove,	Thomas H. Wright.	St. Michael's,	William Poisal.
Finksburg,	D. N. Hahn.	Starr, Baltimore,	C. A. Benjamin.
1st Church Wash.	Peter E. Little.	Surry,	T. E. Berryman.
Franklin City,	W. D. Cropper.	Sussex,	W. A. Warrington.
Frederick,	G. F. Kindley.	Susquehanna,	James F. Kenly.
Georgetown,	{ T. A. Newman.	Talbot,	J. H. Allen.
	{ Joseph Libby.	Union,	W. S. Darby.
Hampden,	Horace Burgee.	Warwick,	Arthur Johns.
Harper's Ferry,	John Mason.	Washington-St.,	William Pul'ey.
Howard,	Richard Vansant.	West Baltimore,	H. T. Gernhardt.
Jefferson,	William G. Baker.	Westminster,	Joshua Yingling.
Kennedyville,	A. J. Hackett.	Whaleyville,	William Disharoon.
Kent Island,	J. E. C. Wright.	Wilmington,	J. W. Dill.
Laurel,	W. F. Wainright.		

The following are the unstationed ministers and preachers in the Maryland District :

Charges.	Unstationed Ministers.	Unstationed Preachers.
Alexandria.....	{ J. B. Mitchell.	Joseph W. Kirk.
Baltimore.....	{ Joshua Cain.	
Bedford	John Growden.	J. L. Duncan.
Belair.....	A. H. Greenfield.	Emory W. Starr.
Broadway.....		G. W. Beroman.
Caroline	John Irvin.	
Centreville.....	W. E. Thompson.	Thomas H. Penkinds.
Chesapeake		Samuel J. Sparks.
Clayton.....		John S. Bowers.
Chestertown.....		S. M. Casson.
Cumberland.....		
Easton.....	T. J. Slaughter.	

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Unstationed Ministers.</i>	<i>Unstationed Preachers.</i>
Fawn Grove.....	Thomas M. Cathcart.	Thomas H. Wright.
First Church, Washington		J. W. Balderson.
Frederick.....	{ J. Day, G. H. Kindley, T. Edwards, G. D. Edmonston.	{ C. F. Purdum.
Georgetown.....	Parker H. Sweet.	
Hampden.....		{ Jacob Baughman. Isaac Crawther. William Petticord.
Howard.....	Z. M. Waters.	Richard Vansant.
Kent Island.....		{ Walter K. White. J. J. Taylor. J. E. C. Wright.
Leipsic.....		{ John Sipple. James Richardson. William T. Potter
Milton.....		N. W. Conway.
Newark.....	Luke Morris.	Daniel Smith.
Pipe Creek.....		F. A. Naille.
Pocomoke City.....	William Dale.	
Pocomoke.....		J. H. McGrath.
Potomac.....		{ H. Bell. H. Dye.
Preston.....		John Rumbold.
Quantico.....		F. Robertson.
Rowlandsville.....		Nathan Montgomery.
Salisbury.....	J. W. Penuel.	
Seaford.....	J. E. Nicholson.	Robert Ward.
Snow Hill.....		William Quirk.
Southside.....		John C. Poston.
St. James.....		Howard Meeks.
St. Michael's.....	W. M. Poisal.	Dr. Jos. A. Robinson.
Sussex.....	I. T. Atkins.	
Talbot.....		J. M. Smith.
Washington-Street.....		Edward Gilligan.
West Baltimore.....	H. T. Gernhardt.	
Westminster.....		{ Dr. C. Billingslea. E. A. Warfield. H. L. Elderdice.
Whaleyville.....	R. H. Powell.—22.	
Wilmington.....		J. B. Gray.—41.

The President then read his report, as follows :

To the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church :

BELOVED BRETHREN : As it is my duty at the close of the Conference year to report to you the result of my official labors, and the general condition of the District; allow me first of all to express, though feebly, my sincere thanks to God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, for the abundant grace and mercy which have been extended to us during the year.

God has graciously sustained me in the midst of my deepest affliction and permitted me to fill all my engagements, except those which occurred at the time of the death of the loving companion of my life, of whom I dare not trust myself to speak in this presence.

We should render to God our sincere gratitude that not a laborer has been called away from his charge by death, nor another name added to our dead roll.

The District is in a prosperous condition, its present greatest need as I apprehend it, is more consecrated talent in the secular pursuits of life—men who will live and work for Christ not only in the church but on their farms, in their

stores or workshops, realizing that their secular pursuits are as wholly consecrated to God as they rightly claim the talents and energies of the ministry should be consecrated to God and the service of the Church. Who maketh us to differ? Mutual rights involve mutual responsibilities. I do not say we have not some who thus feel and act; but they form the exception, while the majority fail to "honor the Lord with their substance and the first fruits of their increase." May God grant unto us that holy unction by which we may become a consecrated Church, both in the ministry and laity.

WITHDRAWN.

At the close of our last Conference, Frederick Swentzell, M. D., asked for his letter of dismissal, stating that he was going to unite with the Protestant Episcopal Church. I complied with his request. The sequel you all know. God called him home before he entered upon ministerial labors in another communion. Thus his record was completed in the annals of our Church, where his efficient labors were expended.

In April I sent to A. C. Berryman, by his request, a similar letter, who has since joined another communion.

In October I gave a letter to Charles O. Melvin, who desired to withdraw from the Conference.

T. A. King has also withdrawn by letter, March 5th.

RECEPTIONS.

Shortly after the rise of Conference, about the first of April, I was waited on by a committee from Mt. Lebanon Independent Methodist Church. Their object was to make inquiry in reference to an organic union with this Conference. Owing to the location of this property, and the circumstances environing East Baltimore Station, I recommended a union of the two societies and the occupancy of Mt. Lebanon Church. After several meetings of both societies the union was effected. The property on Aisquith street was sold, and the proceeds applied to liquidate the debts on Mt. Lebanon. This church is eligibly located; a very elegant brick structure, costing \$15,000 in its erection. A bright future is before it, if the field is well cultivated, and the united church, encouraged by such favorable auspices, put forth their efforts to extend their work.

In April at a meeting of the preachers, held in the office of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, Bro. W. J. Floyd suggested the propriety of securing a mission at Locust Point, Baltimore. By an agreement Bros. R. S. Norris and W. J. Floyd agreed to meet the President of the Conference on the ground and determine upon some feasible plan to effect the object. Sickmess prevented Bro. Norris from attending, but Bro. Floyd and myself visited the place and waited upon Bro. Clark, a former member of Washington-street Station, who was in charge of a Sunday school held in a building belonging to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Bro. Clark readily complied with my request to place his school under the charge of Washington-street Station, and to form a class of such members as were of good standing, and thus form a mission under the charge of said station, Bro. Floyd, as pastor, to take the oversight thereof. The next step was to secure a more eligible location and a better house for worship. The pastor immediately set about this work and purchased a brick chapel near Fort avenue for \$600, being little, if any, over one-half its value. This money has been raised, and the property deeded to the Missionary society of this Conference. This mission now comes before you for recognition, and for the appointment of a missionary with some missionary aid. I recommend it to your most favorable consideration.

In October the Independent English Lutheran Church, occupying the building corner Broadway and Monument streets, purchased from us a few years ago, made application to me for recognition as a Methodist Protestant Church, under the control of this Conference. The application was signed by seventy-six members. No conditions were named in the application, but an understanding existed between some of the ministers of our Church in Baltimore and elsewhere and cordially endorsed by the President, that a floating debt of \$1,500, which had been accumulated during the administration of their

former pastor, should be paid by us. A few brethren assumed the responsibility of the debt, and by a circular addressed to all the churches obtained over \$500; the other thousand was obtained by loan from bank on our individual note. This sum we trust the Conference will provide for and relieve those who in the hour of need assumed the responsibility and filled the breach by placing themselves under legal bonds to secure the church. Broadway is now in good working condition, and promises to become one of our most efficient stations. The property is deeded to the Missionary Society of the Conference, and at a low estimate is worth \$20,000, on which there is a mortgage debt of \$10,000. The whole is in fee. Bro. S. J. Smith was placed in charge of this station in November, having been legally released by the Quarterly Conference of Howard Circuit.

In December, by the request of Dr. L. W. Bates, I visited Amelia county, Virginia, and preached to a society which Bro. Bates had organized. They had seceded from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, on governmental principles. We have no church nearer than Surry, and they require to be made a separate charge. They are now at work building a house of worship and desire to be received into this Conference, as the President of the Virginia Conference assures me he cannot provide for them and desires us to take them in charge. It is one of the most promising missionary fields I know; the whole community being awakened on the subject and much interest elicited in favor of our polity. The men at the head of it are the leading men of the community. I recommend them to your favorable consideration, and to missionary aid if furnished with ministerial supply.

On the last day of February I received a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Methodist Church, in Philadelphia, making inquiry in reference to our Church, and the advantages to be derived from an organic union with our Conference. I replied to the letter respectfully, and proffered to visit them if desirable, and preach for them on the last Sabbath of the month. I received immediately by course of mail a pressing invitation to come. A good congregation greeted me. On the following night, at a regular meeting called for the purpose, every voting member of the church being present but one, they decided unanimously to make application to be admitted into the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Their property consists of a new stone structure, one story high, 49 feet front, 80 feet deep, well finished and furnished; costing \$6,000, on which they owe \$1,000. They number 150 members. In the Sunday school they have 250 scholars. I addressed the school on a dull, cloudy day, when they apologized for the want of a full attendance, and I heard the Secretary announce to the school, as is their custom, that the number in attendance was 166. I regard this a valuable acquisition, and gives us the promise of starting in Philadelphia on a sound basis. The location is at the junction of Broad street and Germantown avenue.

In addition to these, Stewartstown Circuit received a church and congregation from the United Brethren. The church property, which is valued at \$1,000, was purchased by the circuit for the amount of its indebtedness. The number of members not reported.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

I appointed J. E. Nicholson to Milford Mission, having received a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Seaford Circuit. His labors have been very successful. One church, valued at \$1,200, has been completed at Greenwood and paid for, and another is in contemplation at Harrington.

In July I released W. H. Stone from Middlebrook Mission, he finding no encouragement for the continuance of his labors, and no support from the field.

In August David Wilson, M. D., applied for release from Ninth-Street Station, he having accepted an appointment as post chaplain in the United States Army. His release was granted from September 1. An arrangement was made, satisfactory to all parties, by which W. H. Stone was sent to North Carolina Avenue Mission, and P. T. Hall sent to fill the vacancy at Ninth-Street, Washington, D. C.

Williamsport Circuit.—This charge was left without ministerial supply last

spring. Our interests here are very small. The church at Williamsport is held by the heirs of Peter Light. The executors of Charles Embrey's estate have brought a claim against the property amounting in all to more than \$700. This the executors of Peter Light's estate dispute. We hold no interest in the property. The church at Clear Spring, ordered to be sold, would only bring \$300. Hon. S. K. Syester, our attorney, wrote me that he had an offer of \$300 on six and twelve months, or \$250 cash. I wrote him to sell at \$300 on time, and not to appropriate any money to the claim on Williamsport Church. I saw the executor of the estate of Peter Light, Bro. Robert Lemon, and offered to secure for them a missionary with aid toward his support, if he would make a deed of the church at Williamsport to the Missionary Society of this Conference. He expressed his willingness, provided the heirs did not object. I have received no information since as to what has been done.

Norfolk.—This church was also left unsupplied. E. R. McGregor, who was sent to Surry, finding no place where he could locate his family comfortably on Surry, concluded to retain his residence in Norfolk, and in addition to serving Surry, give some oversight to the church at Norfolk, with the prospect of securing from them sufficient aid to compensate him in the matter of house rent.

But all these hopes were blighted. Dr. Barr, who held the claim of the Virginia Aid Society, grew impatient and foreclosed the mortgage and sold the church. I recommend, in view of all the circumstances, that \$200 of the appropriation to Norfolk Church be paid to E. R. McGregor, and the balance of said appropriation be used in the liquidation of other claims upon the society.

I respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare an address to the Church, stating the need of greater devotion to denominational interests, and that the same be published in THE METHODIST PROTESTANT.

I have appended to the above the following statistical report:

STATISTICS.

Accession of members, 1,223; accession of churches, 3: Mt. Lebanon, Broadway, and St. Luke's (Philadelphia). Churches bought and built, 6: Locust Point; U. B. Church, Stewartstown Circuit; Lynch's Station, Kent county, Md.; Greenwood, Del; Columbia Schoolhouse, Union Circuit; Wilmington Mission, Wilmington, Del. Parsonages bought and built, 5: Preston, Sussex, Milton. Value of churches received and built, \$44,000; debts against the same, \$11,900. Amount expended in church improvements, including parsonages, \$18,663.

Deficiencies in Conference assessment for President's salary: Clayton, \$14; Leipsic, \$10; Baltimore Circuit, \$18; Williamsport, \$10; Liberty, \$5.57; Howard, \$2 25; Cambridge, \$15; Ninth-Street, \$2 05; Wilmington, \$7; Potomac, \$7; N. C. Avenue, \$1.75; Frederick Mission, \$10; Guilford, \$5; Harper's Ferry, \$5.50; Middlebrook, \$10; Norfolk, \$15; N. W. Mission, \$15; All Saints, \$10—total, \$163 12.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. D. VALIANT, President.

The President then announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *Unfinished Business*—J. E. T. Ewell, Wm. E. Thompson, E. B. Vandyke.
2. *Finance*—J. T. Murray, W. A. Crouse, F. T. Tagg, Arthur Johns, A. P. Ellis, J. F. Kenley.
3. *Itinerancy and Orders*—The Faculty of Instruction.
4. *Boundaries*—William Dale, W. M. Poisal, J. W. Mullineaux, J. J. Smouse, John Mason of Easton, D. S. Paige, J. F. Johnson.
5. *Pulpit Services*—S. B. Tredway, S. T. Ferguson, A. J. Walter.
6. *Missions*—W. S. Hammond, B. F. Benson, J. M. Holmes, William Ellis, William Pulley, J. T. McCullough.
7. *Superannuated Claimants*—D. W. Bates, J. B. Jones, J. T. Lassell, J. W. Fennemore, T. H. Wright, Richard Vansant.

8. *Literature*—J. T. Ward, E. R. McGregor, A. T. Melvin, D. A. C. Webster, Samuel Vannort, E. L. Williams.

9. *Sunday Schools*—R. S. Norris, S. T. Graham, A. D. Melvin, T. B. Marche, Jackson Day.

10. *Temperance*—D. A. Shermer, C. T. Cochel, J. W. Gray, Lou. Pettitt, A. J. Hackett.

11. *Bible Cause*—W. J. Floyd, H. E. Miskimon, A. A. Harryman, Charles T. Gibson, J. H. Carroll.

12. *Fraternal Relations*—J. K. Nichols, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. L. Killgore, H. T. Gernhardt, S. H. Watson.

13. *Official Reports*—W. M. Strayer, J. W. Charlton, W. D. Litsinger, John Mason of Harper's Ferry, Wm. T. Downey.

14. *Statistics*—R. T. Smith.

15. *Ministerial Supply Outside of the District*—J. R. Nichols, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Mills, T. A. Newman, R. L. Waldron.

16. *Foreign Missions*—J. J. Murray, C. M. Thompson, W. J. Neeper, John D. Grant, G. H. Erdman.

17. *President's Official Report*—S. B. Southerland, J. D. Kinzer, J. L. Straughn, Samuel Burgess, C. A. Benjamin.

18. *Western Maryland College*—L. W. Bates, J. Shreeve, C. H. Littleton, Jos. Libby, Joshua Yingling.

19. *Ministerial Education*—P. L. Wilson, W. T. Dumm, A. D. Dick, D. N. Hahn, T. E. Berryman.

On motion, it was resolved to have two sessions each day; from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 P. M., to adjourn at pleasure.

The bar of the house was fixed and A. J. Walter appointed postmaster to the Conference.

The hour of meeting for the afternoon session of this day was fixed at 3 P. M.

J. L. Mills then delivered the Conference Sermon, from Revelation vi. 2, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated and Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock Conference was called to order by the President, and religious services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Maloy.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Dr. Drinkhouse introduced Rev. J. E. Moffatt, pastor Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Q. McAtee, of Lutheran Church.

Dr. D. W. Bates was called to the chair, and the Conference proceeded to election of officers.

Rev. T. D. Valiant was elected President.

Standing District Committee: W. S. Hammond, Wm. Dale, J. D. Kinzer, H. F. Zollickoffer, C. A. Benjamin and A. J. Fairbank.

Committee of Appeals: S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, J. T. McCulloh and C. A. Benjamin.

Conference Steward: R. S. Rowe.

Missionary Steward: A. W. Mather.

Superannuated Fund Steward: J. E. Maloy.

T. H. Lewis, Secretary, who selected A. D. Melvin as assistant.

Rev. R. S. Rowe, Conference Steward, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution found on page 25 of the Minutes of 1876: "That the Conference Steward be the committee on publication of the minutes," be rescinded.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be the committee on publication of the minutes.

A communication was received from the Manager of the Academy of Music, Cumberland, tendering its use to the Conference for one day and night. The following committee was appointed to prepare a reply to the communication: J. T. Murray, F. T. Tagg, J. J. Smouse.

The President appointed J. W. Trout to receive the collection for the Tract Society. J. T. Lassell inquired whether the tract collection was required by the Conference, and was answered by the President in the negative.

Dr. D. W. Bates moved that a committee be appointed to rearrange the sub-districts. Adopted, and the following appointed: D. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, H. T. Gernhardt.

A communication from the church in Montgomery, Ala., was referred to the Committee on Supplies Outside the District.

The Secretary presented bills for stationery supplies furnished the Conference: Roll book, Journal, Report blanks, Statistical blanks and Collection envelopes, which were referred to the Conference Steward with instructions to pay, and the thanks of the Conference voted the Secretary.

Conference then adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 10th, 1881.

The President called the Conference to order, and requested Rev. J. E. Nicholson to conduct the devotional services.

The minutes were read, corrected by L. W. Bates, and approved. Memorials were presented from Belair, and from Deer Creek, which were referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The proposed changes in the roll were again discussed, and the whole matter was finally referred to the following committee: J. K. Nichols, E. R. McGregor, A. D. Dick, W. E. Thompson, Richard Vansant.

Rev. D. H. Davis, fraternal messenger from the West Virginia Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

J. J. Murray presented a letter from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

L. W. Bates offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund be requested to make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

Letters were received and read, as follows :

From A. Webster and St. John's Quarterly Conference ; referred to Committee on Supply Outside the District: from H. C. Cushing, asking to be left without an appointment for one year ; granted : from J. B. Butler, asking for supernumerary relation ; granted : from R. W. Berryman, sending greeting ; from J. Clay, asking to be left without appointment for one year ; granted : from C. H. Williams ; referred : from D. Wilson, asking to be continued in active relation ; granted : from Francis Brown, sending greeting ; from T. McCormick, asking to be continued in the same relation ; granted.

A resolution was offered by J. M. Holmes, to set apart Thursday evening of every Conference for holding a foreign missionary meeting, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

W. S. Hammond presented a memorial in reference to Broadway Church, which was referred to the following committee: L. W. Bates, B. F. Benson, J. L. Mills, E. L. Williams and J. T. McCulloh.

Dr. Drinkhouse offered his report as editor and publisher of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, which was read and referred to the Committee on Literature.

Dr. Drinkhouse also presented the report of the Managers of

the Home Missionary Society, which was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Dr. Drinkhouse also presented the report of the Educational Endowment Society, which was referred to the Committee on Western Maryland College.

The President announced C. B. Withers on the Committee on Boundaries, to take the place of J. Mason, absent.

Rabbi Eiseman, of the Jewish Synagogue, and Rev. Harris, of the M. E. Church (colored), were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the next session of Conference at Broadway, Baltimore, on the second Wednesday in March, 1882.

The relation of J. K. Nichols was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

Conference then entered into religious exercises, and continued until the hour of adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Thompson.

The President of Western Maryland College made his report, which was referred to the College Committee.

Conference then took a recess for the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

On the re-assembling of Conference, a communication was presented, through S. B. Tredway, from Centre-street M. E. Church, offering the use of their building for the session of the Conference. The following were appointed a committee to respond to the invitation: J. T. Murray, B. F. Benson, J. S. Topham.

D. H. Davis, fraternal messenger from West Virginia Conference, addressed the Conference.

A letter was read from the President of the Virginia District, and referred to the Committee on Supplies Outside of the District. Also, a letter from Pennsylvania Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund Society hold his office from the time of his election until his successor be elected, and that he be

authorized to receive and distribute the collection lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

J. M. HOLMES.

Conference then adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 11th, 1881.

Religious exercises by Rev. A. D. Dick. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Boundaries made a report, which was amended and finally adopted in the following form:

We respectfully recommend:

1. That Belair and Deer Creek Circuits be united, and be distinguished by the name of Belair Circuit, provided the President can supply it with one married and one single preacher.
2. That Milford Mission be changed to Harrington Mission.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

That among the various indications of the presence and favor of God for which the Methodist Protestant Church should be profoundly thankful, no one is more encouraging than the increased interest manifested by our ministers and people in the evangelization of the heathen.

The General Conference having determined to prosecute the work with greater vigor, and devised new plans with reference thereto, it becomes the duty of every Annual Conference to render prompt and hearty assistance. The Maryland Conference would be unworthy of the esteem of its sister Conferences if it should fail to take a leading part in the great work. The committee therefore call the attention of the Conference to a few of the requirements made by recent legislation; and venture, in connection therewith, to submit a few suggestions for the consideration of their brethren.

1. It is made the duty of each Annual Conference "to apportion to the several stations, circuits and missions" the amounts required to meet the assessments of the Board of Foreign Missions. The amount apportioned to the Maryland Conference for the present year is twelve hundred dollars. It is recommended by the committee that an assessment equal to sixty per cent. of the whole amount required for the support of the President be laid upon the several charges of the District.

2. Each Sabbath school is recognized as a juvenile missionary society, and it is required (see Discipline, page 88) that a collection be taken up quarterly or oftener in each of our schools, the proceeds to be forwarded to the Board of Missions.

The committee recommend that every pastor be required to see that this be duly observed; and that it be the duty of the President in making his official visits to inquire strictly whether the pastor has exhibited due diligence in executing the law of the Church.

3. It is the duty of each pastor to preach at least one sermon annually on the subject of missions, at each appointment of his charge, and secure and dispose of contributions as directed by Discipline, page 88.

It is recommended that the President be directed to make strict inquiry respecting performance of this duty also.

The committee suggest that whenever it is expedient missionary meetings shall be held in the respective charges. In addition to these, that a missionary

meeting be held on the second night of each Annual Conference, and that speakers be appointed by the President, who shall receive notice of their appointment at least three months before the meeting of Conference. Also, that a missionary meeting be held on Sabbath afternoon next, in the Centre-street Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, if it can be obtained for the purpose, and that Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., Rev. John D. Kinzer and Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., be appointed to address said meeting. The President, or some person designated by him, shall preside.

4. The General Conference having recognized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

That Miss Jane Roberts, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. German, Miss S. E. Johnson, Mrs. A. E. Carter, Mrs. E. Cobb, Mrs. H. F. Zollickoffer, Mrs. Horace Burrough, Miss Mary Frame, Mrs. J. T. Murray, Mrs. E. Graff, Mrs. Amelia Jones, Miss E. Turpin, Mrs. E. Tyler, Mrs. C. A. Benjamin and Miss L. Fairbank, or as many of them as can conveniently meet at an early day, be requested to organize the Maryland Conference branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, under the constitution of the same, and to correspond with the women of the Church throughout the District with reference to the organization of auxiliaries, and that it be the duty of pastors to render them all necessary assistance in the performance of their work.

5. The committee recommend that the Conference give its hearty sanction to the project of building or purchasing a missionary home in Japan. The plan proposed by the ladies does not in our opinion conflict with the law of the Church, which simply requires that certain collections be taken up in our schools, but was not intended to restrict the benevolence of the Church. And if any school, in addition to taking up the prescribed collections, shall also make contributions of missionary "bricks," it is to be commended for so doing; and we trust there will be a general and generous response to the appeal of the ladies.

6. It is evident that information respecting the operations of our Boards and missionary will help to keep alive and increase the interest of our people in the great work. This information should be given at frequent intervals and through the columns of our official papers, *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* and *METHODIST RECORDER*. The columns of these papers should be open at all times to official communications, and the Conference should insist that officers of the Church employ them in making their communications to our people. We respectfully call the attention of the Boards and their Secretaries to the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following was adopted, supplementary to the above:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to co-operate and act in harmony with the Board of Missions in all their projects for acquiring property and sending missionaries to foreign lands.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. M. Brown opened Conference with religious exercises.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, in a careful reading of the President's Report, find the following items meriting the special attention of the Conference.

The statistics as arranged by the President show a very encouraging increase in membership, and large acquisition of church property in the District,

which call for devout thankfulness to God for His blessing upon the work of the past year.

The Committee congratulate the Conference and the Church upon the evidences of the growing favor with which the public mind regards the distinctive features of our Church, as seen in the reception during the year of five organized churches, viz: Mt. Lebanon and Broadway, Baltimore; St. Luke's, Philadelphia; the church in Amelia county, Virginia, and one on Stewartstown Circuit. And the Committee would recommend the following Conference action:

1. That the item in reference to Broadway be referred to the Special Committee on the memorial in reference to that church, and that Broadway Station be added to the list of appointments of this Conference.

2. That part of the report referring to the work in Amelia county, Virginia, be referred to the Committee on Boundaries, and also the Committee on Missions.

3. That St. Luke's, Philadelphia, be added to the list of appointments to be supplied by this Conference; and that Hull Street, Baltimore, be likewise added and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. That we endorse the President's management of the church property on Williamsport Circuit, and that he be requested to continue his efforts to secure to the Church the church property in Williamsport.

5. That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and publish in THE METHODIST PROTESTANT an address to the churches of the District urging fuller consecration to Christ and a greater devotion to denominational interests.

6. Your Committee regret to find a deficiency of over \$200 in the President's salary, and feel that this fact should not be passed over in silence. They recommend:

1. That the Conference does hereby reaffirm the assessment of last year, and the obligation upon these delinquent charges to pay the entire assessment.

2. That pastors be requested and urged to secure the President's salary before the date of his appointment on the charge, that there may not be the risk of an inclement Sabbath, and consequent failure to meet their financial obligation to the President.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial on Broadway reported as follows:

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we endorse the action of the President of the Conference and the brethren who constitute the committee, in all that was done to secure that property and congregation for the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, 2. That we assume the pressing debt of nearly \$1,000 for which these brethren are personally responsible, and pledge ourselves to raise the amount.

Resolved, 3. That at the earliest suitable time the subject shall be brought before the Conference by Rev. W. S. Hammond to ascertain what amounts can be secured to liquidate said debt, either in cash, or subscription to be paid within the next four months.

Respectfully submitted.

On a call for the yeas and nays, the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: J. R. Nichols, L. W. Bates, J. M. Elderdice, Southerland, Ward, P. L. Wilson, Norris, Dumm, J. J. Murray, D. W. Bates, Shermer, T. D. Valiant, D. Wilson, McFaden, Shreeve, Drinkhouse, Lee, Hammond, Littleton, J. T. Murray, Dick, Benson, Cochel, J. E. T. Ewell, Hoblitzell, Maloy, Jones, Mills, Gray, Livingston, Kinzer, Rowe, Ferguson, Lassell, J. M. Holmes, Mather, Miskimmon, Adkins, W. A. Crouse, Floyd, Killgore, McGregor, Harryman, R. L. Lewis, Neeper, Sullivan, W. R. Graham, A. D. Melvin, Tred-

way, Yingling, Gilbert, T. H. Lewis, Lucas, G. J. Smith, R. T. Smith, Weigand, Bacchus, Sheridan, Stern, Walter, Arnett, Hall, Middleton, S. R. Murray, Trout, Stone, Nicholson, Brown, Klein, S. J. Smith, W. T. Valiant, Leilich, Grant, Tracy, Cain, Smouse, Paige, Peerman, Reed, Shawn, S. S. Ewell, Gibson, Erdman, Wright, Hahn, Kindley, Burgee, Vansant, Hackett, Wright, Wainwright, Waldron, Marche, Blades, Vandyke, McCullough, Williams, Ellis, Vannort, Benjamin, Pulley, Gernhardt, Dill—103.

Nays: Strayer, Charlton, Litsinger, S. T. Graham, A. T. Melvin, C. M. Thompson, A. D. Murray, W. E. Thompson, Mason of H. Ferry, Lawrence, Topham, D. A. C. Webster, J. W. Mullineaux, Disharoon—14.

The Committee appointed to reply to invitations from the manager of the Academy of Music and from Centre-St. M. E. Church, read the letters prepared by order of the Conference, declining the first and accepting the second, which were adopted.

The following resolution, offered by D. W. Bates, was postponed for one year:

Resolved, That the Committee on Superannuated Claimants, after ascertaining the amount needed, be authorized to assess the amount on the different charges, on the basis of the President's salary, less the amount received from the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Conference adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Religious exercises by Rev. J. W. Trout.

The Special Committee on the Roll of Conference made a report, which they afterwards withdrew, and an agreement was reached to the effect that the Secretary enter all names of ministers on the roll in the order in which they were admitted into the itinerancy, and that this date and the date of ordination be given in the minutes.

• The Committee on Literature submitted their report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Literature beg leave respectfully to report that they have carefully and earnestly considered the matters brought to their attention by the communication of the Rev. Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, editor and publisher of the official Church paper, *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT*, referred to them by the Conference, and find them to be of very great importance to the interests of the Church at large, and to demand special action on the part of the Maryland Conference.

The late General Conference of the Church recognized *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* and *THE METHODIST RECORDER* as the official organs of the Church, and ordained that both our Book Concerns at Baltimore and Pittsburgh shall be under the proprietorship and direction of the general Church represented by the Board of Publication composed of the directories of the respective Book Concerns. Each Concern, however, manages its own affairs under the arrangements agreed upon in the Board, and while the Church at large has an interest in the prosperity of both Concerns, it is expected that the more particular support of each will depend upon the Conferences within whose territory the

respective periodicals have their principal circulation. It is for this reason that the Maryland Conference is looked to as the one most nearly concerned in the support of *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* and the Book Concern at Baltimore, this being the largest of the Conferences within the limits of the principal circulation of this periodical, and containing a membership sufficient to afford a number of subscribers, which, in connection with those in other Conferences concerned, would fully sustain the paper.

Your committee are gratified to learn from the editor's report that *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* has a circulation of about 3,600, and that of this number a large proportion is from the patronizing Conferences outside of Maryland. But while this is in itself gratifying, and would indeed be entirely satisfactory if the number of subscribers were sufficient to sustain the paper, it is painful to learn that such is not the case, and especially that, in the language of the editor, "nearly the whole responsibility of the cramped and anxious condition of the Concern is due to the meagre circulation of *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* in the Maryland District"—only about one subscriber to every thirteen members. By this your committee understand that if the number of subscribers in the Maryland District were increased so as to make it proportionably equal to that of the other patronizing Conferences, the whole trouble would be removed.

In compliance with the request of the editor, your committee would respectfully recommend that the Conference at once inaugurate some plan for increasing the circulation of *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* to at least 1,000 more than it has at present. We recommend that the Book Concern bear the expense of printing and sending to the ministers of the Conference as soon as practicable after the adjournment of Conference, a sufficient number of copies of the circular accompanying this report to supply every member and friend of the Methodist Protestant Church within the bounds of their respective charges. We earnestly recommend that the ministers and lay delegates of the Conference by vote pledge themselves heartily to co-operate in the plan proposed in the circular, and endeavor to make it successful. We recommend that the Book Directory at Baltimore reduce the price of the paper to \$2 per annum instead of \$2.20 in lieu of the offer of premiums as now. Your committee are of opinion that the required increase of subscribers ought to be, and with a determined effort on the part of all the members of this Conference can and will be obtained within three months of this time.

The attention of your committee has been called to the Sunday-school papers published by our Church, and we are glad to learn that their circulation is becoming general among our people. It ought to be universal. No other Sunday-school papers are equal to these for Methodist Protestants, and a proper feeling of interest in our own department of the great work of the common Church of the Redeemer, should inspire us to support these periodicals with the utmost liberality. While we do and should rejoice that other branches of the Church have as good Sunday-school literature as ours, we should not neglect our own for it, any more than we would expect them to take ours instead of their own.

Your committee would most earnestly and candidly state it as their conviction that the first duty of every member and friend of the Church as regards its literature, is to subscribe and pay for the official Church paper. It is worth more to the family than thousands of gold and silver; it bears to its readers the gospel in print, as the pulpit gives the gospel in utterance; it brings the pastor to the fireside oftener than he could be there in person, and it keeps up intelligent interest in the general and in every special work of the Church.

Finally, your committee recommend that the pastors of the several charges call frequent attention to the importance of the circulation of the Church paper, and encourage the members of the Church to get their friends to subscribe for it, if only for a few months. We believe it would thus win its own way very soon to a wider circulation.

Respectfully submitted.

Conference then adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 12th, 1881.

Rev. R. S. Rowe opened the Conference with religious exercises.

The Committee on re-arranging the sub-Districts made a report, which was adopted as follows:

Sub-District No. 1. Newark, St. Luke's, Wilmington, Cecil, Rowlandsville, Warwick, Clayton, Belair, Deer Creek, Susquehanna.

No. 2. Chestertown, St. James, Kennedyville, Chesapeake, Kent Island, Queen Anne's, Centreville, Crumpton.

No. 3. Easton, St. Michael's, Talbot, Caroline, Preston, Dorchester, Cambridge, Harrington and Seaford.

No. 4. Milton, Laurel, Sussex, Whaleyville, Salisbury, Union, Quantico, Somerset, Snow Hill, Franklin City, Pocomoke, Pocomoke City, Chincoteague and Accomac.

No. 5. Mt. Lebanon, West Baltimore, Washington-Street, South Baltimore, Starr, Broadway, Hull Street, Faith Mission, Baltimore Circuit, Ellicott City, Eutaw, Hampden, Finksburg, Stewartstown and Fawn Grove.

No. 6. Howard, Anne Arundel, All Saints, First Church, N. C. Avenue, Ninth-Street, Georgetown, Alexandria, Potomac and Guilford.

No. 7. Westminster, Pipe Creek, Liberty, Jefferson, Frederick, Harper's Ferry, Middleway, Cumberland, Rainsburg, Bedford, Concord and Middlebrook.

No. 8. Lynchburg, Campbell, Southside, Surry and Amelia.

No. 9. Charlestown, S. C., Berkeley, S. C.

The Faculty of Instruction reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

The Faculty of Instruction report that they have passed to the second year Thos. E. Coulbourn, Wm. F. Roberts, James L. Elderdice, Geo. R. McCreedy.

George H. McFaden was passed to the second year with the understanding that he shall pass, before the next session of Conference, an approved examination upon the studies of the first year. This arrangement was made because of the illness of the brother.

Passed to the third year, Daniel W. Anstine, J. L. Leilich, A. D. Murray.

The following brethren passed examination in the third year class: J. M. Brown, F. C. Klein, S. J. Smith, W. T. Valiant and J. L. Leilich.

The Faculty of Instruction, as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, report as follows:

1. We recommend for admission to the itinerancy John S. Bowers, J. W. Balderson and J. E. Nicholson.

2. To be left in the hands of the President, J. L. Duncan and Emory W. Starr.

3. For orders, J. M. Brown, F. C. Klein, S. J. Smith, W. T. Valiant, J. L. Leilich and A. D. Murray.

Rev. J. Robison, Publisher, and John Scott, D. D., Editor of the METHODIST RECORDER and Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburgh Conference, addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was amended and adopted as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS.

For deficiencies of last year, \$779.35; Alexandria, \$100; All Saints, no appropriation; Chincoteague, no appropriation; Faith Mission, no appropriation; North Carolina Avenue, no appropriation; Potomac Mission, \$50; Frederick

City, no appropriation; Kent Island, no appropriation; Newark, N. J., no appropriation; Sussex, \$150; Salisbury, \$100; Wilmington, \$250; St. Michael's, no appropriation; Harrington, \$150.

Your committee also recommend:

- 1st. That Northwest Mission be stricken from the list of missions.
- 2d. That Hull-Street, Baltimore, be set off as a mission, to be known as Hull-Street Mission, with an appropriation of \$150.
- 3d. That Crumpton be made a mission, with an appropriation of \$100.
- 4th. That Snow Hill Circuit be made a mission, with an appropriation of \$200.
- 5th. That a mission field in Amelia county, Virginia, be set off as a mission, to be known as Amelia Mission, with an appropriation of \$150.
- 6th. That an appropriation be made to pay the traveling expenses of Rev. A. W. Mather, in attending the meetings of the Board of Missions, of \$3.50

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. W. M. Strayer conducted religious exercises.

On motion, \$200 of the appropriation of last year to the Virginia Aid Society was voted to E. R. McGregor.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$238.69 remaining from the appropriation to the Virginia Aid Society, and the sum of \$15.18 remaining from the sale of the Norfolk church, be passed to the credit of the missionary claimants of the Conference year beginning March 9, 1881.

The Faculty of Instruction reported that, at the request of J. D. McFaden, they have stricken his name from the list of students.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 14th, 1881.

The Conference was opened with religious exercises by Rev. J. R. Nichols, Dr. J. T. Murray presiding.

The Committee on Finance made their report of assessments for President's salary (see Financial Report, table II., Assessments), and the following:

We have examined the account of Mr. J. N. Gilbert, Agent of the President's Parsonage, and find it to correspond with accompanying vouchers. We recommend his continuance in office, with thanks for his services.
Respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause submitted their report of collections during the year (see Financial Report, table I., Collections), and the following:

We recommend the following as life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society,

as designated by Mrs. T. A. Reese: Dr. J. L. Mills, T. O. Crouse, D. L. Greenfield.

For the other collections we recommend as life members Revs. W. J. Neepier, J. L. Straughn, C. B. Middleton, J. B. Jones, A. D. Murray.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows :

1. The Committee on Ministerial Education report that the Board of Ministerial Education is composed of seven members, chosen by the General Conference and charged with the duty of assisting worthy young men who may be recommended by their respective Annual Conferences.

2. Your committee having examined the plan adopted by the General Conference, can most heartily endorse and approve it as wise and admirably adapted to secure the end desired.

3. Your committee are informed that there are about forty young men in our two colleges this year preparing for the ministry; thirteen of whom are being aided by the Board, six of the number at Western Maryland College, who, we are informed, are doing well in their studies, and promise usefulness in the work of the ministry. We recommend that the Board continue to aid them for the coming year according to its plan of work.

4. The collections for the Board in this Conference for this year are reported to be \$459.42, being \$153.32 less than reported last year. This is deeply to be regretted, as we learn at least \$750 will be required to meet the apportionment of our young men at Western Maryland College.

5. The Board asks for an annual contribution from each charge that at least shall be an average of ten cents per member. We recommend that this amount be the apportionment of each charge, and that every pastor do all in his power to raise at least this amount.

6. In view of more fully preparing our young men for their pulpit work, we recommend that each of our colleges arrange to give at least two years' instruction in systematic theology and other biblical and kindred studies, and that our candidates be advised to remain long enough to make as thorough preparation as possible.

7. We recommend that hereafter the Faculty of the college forward to this Conference through the Board of Ministerial Education a full report of the standing of all beneficiaries, showing their standing for scholarship, moral and religious deportment, etc.

8. We also recommend that care be taken, both by the several charges and by the Board, in the selection of young men for the aid of the Church that only those who are truly pious and promising as to talents and every way worthy of the confidence and assistance of the Church be recommended.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Statistics made a partial report as follows :

The undersigned Committee on Statistics appointed to ascertain what disposition has been made of the parsonage on Chincoteague Mission, begs leave to report as follows:

The parsonage has been sold for \$200. Of which sum \$60 was received by the mission and paid by them to the missionary as salary, and the remaining \$140 has not been received by the mission yet.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SMITH, Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund reported the collections during the year (see Financial Report, Table I., Collections), and the following :

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

CLAIMANTS ON SOCIETY.

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Thomas Lee.....	\$150	\$98.85	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	\$75	\$49.43
H. J. Day.....	125	82.38	" Catharine Roby...	150	98.85
J. A. McFaden.....	250	164.75	" Elizabeth Boyd...	125	82.38
J. H. Ellegood.....	175	115.38	" C. A. Reed.....	75	49.43
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	325	214.50	" S. J. Wilson.....	125	82.38
" S. G. Valiant.....	75	49.43	" T. M. Bryan.....	150	98.85
" G. D. Hamilton...	150	98.85	" A. M. Bowers.....	125	82.38
" John Roberts.....	250	164.75	D. F. Ewell.....	225	148.28
" D. E. Reese.....	250	164.75	Mrs. W. T. Wright...	125	82.38
" L. A. Collins.....	125	82.38	W. T. Dumm.....	300	197.70
" M. A. Eversole....	225	148.28	J. W. Everest.....	100	55.90
" M. H. Whiteside..	100	65.90	I. T. Atkins.....	100	55.90
" Ann Greenaway...	125	82.38	James Thompson.....	300	197.70
Total amount of claims.....			\$4,300		
Received from Treasurer, Dr. H. F. Zollickofer, and distributed....			\$2,834.09		
Per cent. .6590.					

CLAIMANTS ON COLLECTIONS.

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Thomas Lee.....	\$400	\$28.05	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	\$200	\$14.03
H. J. Day.....	500	35.07	" Catharine Roby...	200	14.03
J. A. McFaden.....	550	38.57	" Elizabeth Boyd...	200	14.03
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	28.05	" C. A. Read.....	250	17.53
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	350	24.54	" S. J. Wilson.....	200	14.03
" S. G. Valiant.....	200	14.03	" T. M. Bryan.....	200	14.03
" G. D. Hamilton...	200	14.03	J. W. Everest.....	200	14.03
" John Roberts.....	300	21.04	Mrs. A. S. Eversole....	200	14.03
" D. E. Reese.....	200	14.03	" A. M. Bowers.....	300	21.04
" L. A. Collins.	200	14.03	D. F. Ewell.....	450	31.55
" M. A. Eversole....	450	31.55	Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	200	14.03
" M. H. Whiteside..	200	14.03	W. T. Dumm.....	500	35.07
" Ann Greenaway...	250	17.53	I. T. Atkins.....	400	28.05
James Thompson.....	500	35.07			
Total amount of claims.....			\$8,200		
Amount from District for distribution.....			\$575.10		
Received from Secretary of Society.....			35.20		

The report was adopted.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. A. D. Dick conducted religious services, Rev. R. S. Norris presiding.

The report of the Committee on Supply outside the District was adopted as follows.

1. We recommend that the request of St. John's I. M. Church for the re-appointment of Rev. T. H. Lewis be granted.
2. That the request of the First Church, Pittsburgh, for the re-appointment of Dr. J. J. Murray be granted.
3. That the Conference accede to the request from the President of the Alabama Conference to supply Montgomery Station with a pastor.

4. That the request of the President of the Virginia Conference to supply Heathsville Circuit with a pastor be granted.

5. That learning that the work in Amelia county, Virginia, is within the limits of this Conference District, a recommendation from your committee is unnecessary.

6. That the above appointments be made if they will not conflict with the demand of our own work, and with the express understanding that the above charges shall contribute to the superannuated fund collection, save St. John's, which pays to that fund in another way.

The report of the Committee on Western Maryland College was adopted as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report the papers and interests submitted to their consideration as follows:

1. The college has upon its roll 47 female and 79 male students, aggregating 126, and is in a prosperous condition, giving entire satisfaction, so far as we are informed, to its numerous patrons.

2. According to the report of the Educational Endowment Society and College Agent, we present the following financial statement:

Cash in hand.....	\$14,840.77
St. John's Beneficent Board.....	1,000.00
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	15,840.77
Reliable subscriptions.....	4,665.00
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Total, less expenses.....	20,505.00
Hopeful subscriptions.....	1,057.00
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	21,562.77

3. The amount of collections received from the various churches for the benefit of the current expenses of the college aggregates the sum of \$88.53. The detailed reports of the churches are appended to this report.

4. There seems to be a growing need for an early provision to be made to teach systematic theology. The better class of students who are candidates for the Christian ministry, are now becoming ambitious for a scholastic theological training, and if permitted to seek such training, after their graduation in the present curriculum of Western Maryland in other theological institutions, there is great danger of losing them in the ministry of their own church. We are confident that satisfactory arrangements to meet this need can be made with but little additional expense, and we therefore urge upon the Conference to take the initiatory steps towards that end.

5. The financial exhibit reveals a large deficiency in *bona fide* subscriptions toward the college debt, and it behooves the Conference to devise some plan by which it may be so enlarged as to meet the necessities of the case, or to appoint some one to do so in the interim of Conference.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report that on surveying the ground, we find in the past success, the present aspect and the outlook of this Christian cause great reason for gratitude as well as great encouragement to further effort. We believe that though this evil of intemperance still maintains gigantic and fearful proportions, that though its desolating and blighting effects are still widespread, yet, under the enlightening influence of the preaching of the gospel, as the sovereign remedy for the great moral disorder of humanity, and our special movements against intemperance as the local treatment for the dangerous symptoms of this great moral disorder, these proportions are diminishing and these blighting effects are being greatly circumscribed, and that if these double agencies continue to be faithfully employed, sending their waves of light, one after another, over the consciences and hearts of the people, the grand reform and reconstruction of popular sentiment, which we so diligently

seek, will crown our efforts. And furthermore, we believe that popular opinion thus reformed will no longer be content to knock at the doors of the Legislatures of the States and beg the barren privilege of local option (to banish by a majority vote the baneful traffic out of small districts), but will require, as in the case of Kansas, the introduction into the constitutions of the States a prohibitory law positively interdicting the presence of the multiform evil within their limits, and that as State after State shall fall into line, the general government, observing the swelling tide of industry, enterprise and prosperity, will, as the custodian of the material interests of the States, pronounce its mighty verdict against the traffic as a mighty incubus upon the energies of our people.

Resolved, therefore, 1st. That this is the only limit to our ambition, and that to the attainment of this high and desirable end we will continue to direct our untiring efforts and press every Christian means that we can command.

Resolved, 2d. That we hail with the highest congratulation the advance movement of Kansas in the incorporation into its constitution of a prohibitory law.

Resolved, 3d. That we, the ministerial members of this Conference, as public teachers will, on all suitable occasions, hold up, in the light of the gospel, the downward tendency and blasting effects of indulgence in alcoholic drinks.

Resolved, 4th. That, in the judgment of this Conference, the indulgence in spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage by the members of our churches is in itself a breach of Christian morals, and, in its influence, treason against the best interests of manhood.

The following was offered :

WHEREAS, The General Conference at the late session in Pittsburgh did authorize a representation of our Church in the great Conference of Methodism to meet in London in September of this year, and elected three ministers and three laymen to represent us in that body ; and,

Whereas, The General Conference did assess upon the Conference Districts an amount sufficient to pay the expenses of our representatives ; and,

Whereas, Many of the Conferences have failed to recognize the obligation and make arrangements to supply their proportion of the necessary funds ; and,

Whereas, Bro. J. J. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, generously offers \$20 toward the payment of their expenses, and the hope is indulged that many other laymen are willing to assist in raising the amount ;

Resolved, therefore, 1st. That the assessment of \$150, as made by the General Conference, be apportioned among the charges of this District.

Resolved, 2d. That the pastors be required to collect the assessments and forward the same to Rev. W. S. Hammond by the first of June.

Resolved, 3d. That if there is not a sufficient amount raised in the whole Church to pay the expenses of all the representatives, the money collected in this District shall be appropriated to the expenses of those representatives who are members of this District.

The paper was amended by providing for an assessment of 8 per cent. of the President's salary, and an additional 2 per cent. for the payment of our portion of expense in the publication of General Conference minutes. The paper was then adopted.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of Chincoteague Mission in selling the parsonage and applying a portion of the proceeds to the payment of salary, is a violation of a rule of this Conference, and it hereby records its decided disapprobation.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the laudable efforts of Prof. Stephens, editor and proprietor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT MAGAZINE, and of Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, and editor and proprietor of THE MISSIONARY, to supply our denomination with the

special literature they represent at their own risk and charges, and that we will encourage these enterprises as far as possible.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That being informed that Rev. David Wilson, M. D., has ready for the press a general Church history, we express our gratification at the completion of the work, and hope to learn of its speedy publication.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations reported as follows, which report was adopted :

Your committee beg leave to report our high gratification at having with us Rev. John Scott, D. D., Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburgh Conference. We heartily reciprocate his expressions of good will and denominational fraternity from his own to this Conference. May this brotherly love long continue and abound. We recommend that a messenger be appointed to their ensuing Annual Conference from this body.

We acknowledge with pleasure our indebtedness to Rev. Daniel H. Davis, Fraternal Messenger from the West Virginia Conference, for his cheering presence and sterling gospel sermon during his visit. These interchanges serve to keep alive precious memories of the past, and strengthen the common bond of sympathy and fraternity which has so long existed between us. We recommend that a messenger be appointed to the next West Virginia Conference.

Letters have been received from Rev. Dr. J. G. Johnson, President of the Virginia Conference, conveying fraternal greetings, and also from Rev. C. A. Sturm, President of the Pennsylvania Conference. We sincerely regret that these honored brethren could not be with us in person. Representing as they do two of our oldest adjacent Conferences, in both of which our cause has experienced "a great fight of afflictions," we bid them God-speed, and express our warm appreciation of their loyalty in times of trial. We recommend that a messenger be sent to each of those Conferences.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter the Bible collections of the churches of the District of Columbia shall be handed over to the District of Columbia Bible Society, and their receipt taken for the same; and that they shall have credit for said collection in the minutes of this Conference on presentation of said receipt.

The report of the Conference Steward was adopted (see Financial Report, Table I., Collections), and the following exhibit :

Cash left in hand at last Conference for publication of Minutes and Conference expenses.....	\$116.79
Cr.	
By cash paid bill of J. F. Chesney for printing, &c.....	\$93.60
" " " W. J. C. Dulany & Co. for Stationery and one Bible.....	12.17
" " " Postage on Minutes.....	10.00
" " " for 2 Satchels ordered by last Conference...	2.00
	117.77
Balance due Conference Steward.....	.98
Amount of this year's collection.....	\$128.92
Cr.	
By cash paid bills of Secretary, as ordered by this Conference.	\$36.00
" " " Paper and Expressage on Bibles.....	.75
" " " for 6 Ordination Bibles.....	6.00
" " " Balance due Conference Steward last year	.98
	43.73
Balance in hand and paid to T. H. Lewis, Secretary, for publication of, and postage on, the Minutes.....	\$85.19

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

Rev. H. E. Miskimon conducted religious services.

Rev. F. H. Mullineaux was left without an appointment for one year at his own request.

At the request of the President, the appropriation to Hull-Street Mission was increased \$100.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Dr. Ward, Dr. J. W. Hering and Dr. J. L. Mills be, and hereby are constituted a committee, to devise some measure by which to secure at the earliest possible date sufficient funds to supply the deficiency in subscription to pay the College debt.

Resolved, That Dr. J. T. Murray, Rev. P. L. Wilson and Dr. Chas. Billingslea be a committee to mature some plan by which systematic theology may be taught the graduates of Western Maryland College who are preparing for the Christian ministry, and report the same to the next session of this Conference.

WHEREAS, We have two colored churches in the State of South Carolina, whose only intercourse with the Conference has heretofore been the visits of their respective pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of this Conference be, and hereby is requested, to visit those churches during the year, and appropriate the contributions of said churches to defray his traveling expenses.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the citizens of Cumberland and vicinity who have kindly entertained us during this session.

Resolved, That the deficiency on Broadway debt be referred to the President of the Conference and the Standing District Committee, to devise means for the collection of the amount as soon as possible.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted :

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, in offering their report, desire to unite with you in expression of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the signal success that has crowned our efforts in this department of Church work during the past, and for the cheering prospect inviting to earnest labor in the future. More schools are reported in the bounds of our work than at any previous period in our history, and these are better provided for in the essentials of a true gospel success. Still, your committee deem it necessary to call attention to some facts exciting their regret.

1st. The want of care in the selection of libraries, resulting in some instances in the introduction of books of pernicious character.

2d. The custom, especially in rural districts, of abandoning schools in the winter season, we mention as the means by which the Sabbath-school work is crippled and retarded, and as an evil which the pastors and the laity should seek to arrest.

3d. We can but regard the too common practice of relieving the children of our schools from attendance upon the public services of the sanctuary as one fraught with great mischief, and as a custom which we should labor to correct.

4th. We are forced to observe with deep regret that the Sabbath school is, in too many instances, regarded as a substitute for the family government, discipline and oversight which God and nature have taught us should be exercised by the parents themselves. This impression we should earnestly seek to remove.

5th. Believing that much of the work done at the former sessions of this Conference has failed of accomplishing the results desired from lack of a full co-operation on the part of the Church, we deem it a matter of wisdom to advise that it be made obligatory upon the pastors of the various charges to present to their churches and Sabbath schools the results of this Conference actions, and in every prudent way to urge them to be governed thereby.

We further submit the following :

Resolved, 1st. That the pastors of the Church should labor to establish Sabbath schools in every quarter of our work where it is possible; give attention to the books introduced; see that the teachers are persons of good moral habits, and from their pulpits inculcate the duty of home government and the necessity for earnest co-operation of the parents in the Sabbath-school work.

2d. That God in His providence has graciously supplied us with most valuable appliances in the form of Sabbath-school literature, published both in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, which the various schools should seek to secure as important aids in the Sabbath-school work. THE BIBLE SCHOOL SERIES, while valuable for juvenile reading, are most indispensable as aids in Bible study.

3d. That we recommend the holding of a Sunday-School Institute sometime during the Jackson Grove camp-meeting next summer, if the camp-meeting authorities will allow, and the appointment of Rev. T. H. Lewis as its director, with full powers to act.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee and College Agent are hereby requested to collect if possible all unpaid pledges by the first of May next.

2. That the Conference now pledges the College contributions to be taken next year under General Conference order to the payment of the debt, if needed, and urge the pastors to exert themselves in this behalf.

The following were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the different railroads and steamboats that have complimented the members, by passing them over their different routes at reduced rates.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Conference are due to Rev. A. J. Walter for the faithful performance of his services as postmaster.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the secretaries for the faithful performance of their duties.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 15th, 1881.

Rev. A. D. Murray conducted religious exercises, Dr. D. W. Bates being in the chair.

The Home Missionary Steward submitted his report of collections (see Financial Report, Table I., Collections), and the following exhibits, which was adopted :

MISSIONS.	Appropri'ns.	Paid.	Deficiency.
E. R. McGregor	\$200.00	\$104.00	\$96.00
Deficiency of 1880.....	497.23	497.23	.....
Potomac.....	50 00	26.00	24.00
Kent Island.....	150.00	78.00	72.00
N. C. Avenue	300.00	156 00	144 00
All Saints.....	200.00	104.00	96.00
Harper's Ferry.....	100 00	52.00	48.00
Chincoteague.....	100.00	52.00	48.00
Alexandria.....	300 00	163.85	136.15
Wilmington.....	100.00	52 00	48.00
N. W. Mission.....	140.00	72 80	67.20
	\$2,137.23	\$1,357.88	\$779.35

EXHIBIT—HOME MISSIONS (MARYLAND CONFERENCE).

	Dr.	Cr.
Collections from District.....	\$1,309.50	
“ of Dues.....	59.50	
Sale of Minutes.....	.90	
Balance from Norfolk Church.....	15.18	
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	\$1,385.08	
Paid Deficiencies of 1880.....		\$497.23
“ Missionaries of 1881.....		860.65
“ A. W. Mather, traveling expenses.....		3.50
“ E. J. Drinkhouse, recording Deed.....		3.50
“ Expressage.....		.25
“ Book Concern, for Missionary Certificates.....		19.50
Balance in hands of Steward.....		.45
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		\$1,385.08

EXHIBIT—HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	Dr.	Cr.
Collections from District.....	\$633.11	
Sunday Missionary Collections.....	46.33	
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	\$679.44	
To Cash in hand.....		\$516.11
Paid over before Conference.....		163.33
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		\$679.44
For Foreign Missions only.....	\$339.48	
“ General Board.....	299.96	
Georgetown Woman's Foreign Mission.....	\$16.00	
Newark “ “ “.....	20.00	
“ Children's Offering “.....	4.00	
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		40.00
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		\$679.44

On motion of Dr. J. T. Murray, Jackson Grove Camp Ground was made a circuit.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants made their report, as follows, which was adopted :

CLAIMANTS ON COLLECTIONS.

Thomas Lee.....	\$400	Mrs. John Roberts.....	\$500
H. J. Day.....	500	“ T. M. Wilson.....	200
J. A. McFaden.....	500	“ R. T. Boyd.....	200
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	“ F. G. Wright.....	200
J. W. Everest.....	200	“ N. Greenaway.....	650
James Thompson.....	500	“ W. T. Wright.....	200
D. F. Ewell.....	500	“ D. E. Reese.....	300
W. T. Dumm.....	500	“ D. Bowers.....	500
I. T. Adkins.....	450	“ S. G. Valiant.....	200
Mrs. G. D. Hamilton.....	200	“ W. C. Ames.....	500
“ W. Roby.....	200	“ J. E. Read.....	300
“ L. A. Collins.....	200	“ T. M. Bryan.....	200
“ Christian Eversole.....	500	Rev. J. K. Nichols.....	450
“ J. F. Whiteside.....	200		

ON CHARTERED FUND.

Thomas Lee.....	\$200	Mrs. J. Roberts	450
H. J. Day.....	419	" T. M. Wilson	200
J. A. McFaden.....	475	" R. T. Boyd.....	200
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	" F. G. Wright.....	170
J. W. Everest.....	200	" N. Greenaway.....	250
James Thompson.....	500	" W. T. Wright.....	200
D. F. Ewell.....	384	" D. E. Reese.....	300
W. T. Dunm.....	330	" D. Bowers.....	250
I. T. Adkins.....	400	" S. G. Valiant.....	200
Mrs. G. D. Hamilton.....	200	" W. C. Ames.....	400
" W. Roby.....	200	" J. E. Read.....	100
" L. A. Collins.....	200	" T. M. Bryan.....	175
" C. Eversole.....	500	Rev. J. K. Nichols.....	250
" J. F. Whiteside.....	122		

The Committee on Missions made a final report, submitting their assessments, which was adopted (see Financial Report, Table II., Assessments).

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of Minutes be requested to print, in tabular form, in the Minutes, the amount expected from each charge, for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Colleges, at the rate of an average of ten cents for each member.

Rev. A. W. Mather announced that a legacy had been left the Superannuated Fund Society by the late Nicholas Owens, of Howard county, of \$600. Rev. Mather was appointed a committee to take charge of the matter.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Conference takes great pleasure in extending its most hearty congratulations to Rev. T. H. Lewis, Editor of *The Conference Record*, on the daily he has published.

The President read the plan of appointments, and the Conference took its final adjournment.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

President—T. D. VALIANT.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 1—B. F. Benson, Chairman.		Postoffice.
Newark—S. T. Graham.....	97 Walnut St., Newark, N. J.	
St. Luke's—W. R. Graham.....	1302 Butler St., Philad'a, Pa.	
Wilmington—F. C. Klein.....	629 E. 8th St., Wilm'gt'n, Del	
Cecil—C. T. Cochel.....	Bay View, Md.	
Rowlandsville—A. A. Harryman.....	Rowlandsville, Md.	
Warwick—J. B. Jones.....	Warwick, "	
Leipsic, G. J. Smith.....	Leipsic, Del.	
Clayton—W. J. D. Lucas.....	Smyrna, "	
Belair—B. F. Benson.....	Belair, Md.	
Deer Creek—J. M. Yingling.....	Hickory, Md.	
Susquehanna—C. M. Thompson.....	Level, "	

SUB-DISTRICT No. 2—D. W. Bates, Chairman.

Chestertown—W. J. Neepier....	Chestertown, Md.
St. James—F. T. Little.....	Hanesville, "
Kennedyville—W. T. Valiant.....	Kennedyville, "

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS—Continued. *Postoffice.*

Chesapeake—D. W. Bates.....Edesville, Md.
 Kent Island—D. N. Gilbert.....Kent Island, Md.
 Queen Anne—R. L. Lewis.....Ruthsburg, "
 Centreville—D. L. Greenfield.....Centreville, "
 Crumpton—J. A. Weigand.....Crumpton, "
 J. B. Butler, Supernumerary Assistant.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 3—R. S. Rowe, Chairman.

Easton—F. T. Tagg.....Easton, Md.
 St. Michael's—T. O. Crouse.....St. Michael's, Md.
 Talbot—R. S. Rowe.....Oxford, "
 Caroline—J. M. Elderdice, J. W. Balderson....Burrsville, "
 Preston—J. E. Maloy.....Preston, "
 Dorchester—G. Q. Bacchus, J. S. Bowers.....East New Market, Md.
 Cambridge unsupplied.
 Harrington—J. E. Nicholson.....Seaford, Del.
 Seaford—C. S. Arnett....." "
 T. A. Moore, Supernumerary Assistant.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 4—W. M. Strayer, Chairman.

Milton—D. A. Shermer.....Milton, Del.
 Laurel—J. E. T. Ewell.....Laurel, "
 Sussex, J. L. Leilich....." "
 Whaleyville—A. D. Dick, J. L. Duncan.....Pittsville, Md.
 Salisbury—J. M. Sheridan.....Salisbury, "
 Union—J. L. Straughn.....Russum, "
 Quantico—W. G. Holmes.....Mt. Vernon, Somerset co., Md
 Somerset—J. M. Holmes.....Crisfield, Md.
 Snow Hill—W. M. Strayer.....Snow Hill, Md.
 Franklin City—H. C. Stern.....Franklin City, Va.
 Pocomoke—J. L. Elderdice.....Princess Anne, Md.
 Pocomoke City—S. A. Hoblitzell.....Pocomoke City, "
 Chincoteague unsupplied.
 Accomac—W. A. Crouse.....Lee Mont, Va.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 5—W. S. Hammond, Chairman.

Mt. Lebanon (E. Balt. Station), C. B. Middleton. 316 E. John St., Balto., Md.
 Memorial Chapel (W. Balt. Station), J. D. Kinzer. 307 N. Stricker St., Balt., Md.
 T. McCormick, Supernumerary Assistant.
 Washington Street—J. T. Lassell.....12 N. Washington St., "
 South Baltimore, R. S. Norris.....400 Light street, "
 Starr, W. S. Hammond.....57 S. Poppleton street, "
 Broadway, A. D. Murray.....118 Chew street, "
 Huli-Street Mission—J. R. Nichols.....Odenton, Md.
 Faith Mission, Geo. R. McCready.....260 Lexington St., Balt., Md.
 Baltimore Circuit—A. T. Melvin, D. W. Anstine. Towson, Md.
 Ellicott City—S. J. Smith.....Ellicott City, Md.
 Eutaw—J. W. Trout.....329 Aisquith street, Balt., Md.
 Hampden, A. D. Melvin.....Woodbury, Md.
 Finksburg—W. D. Litsinger, W. F. Roberts....Gamber, Md.
 Fawn Grove, J. W. Charlton.....Fawn Grove, Pa.
 Stewartstown, J. L. Killgore.....Stewartstown, Pa.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 6—S. B. Southerland, Chairman.

Howard—A. W. Mather, G. F. Farring.....Lisbon, Md.
 Anne Arundel, W. J. Floyd, E. W. Starr.....Brooklyn, Md.
 All Saints unsupplied.
 First Church (Washington)—J. W. Gray.....Cor. 5th E. & Va. ave., Wash-
 North Carolina avenue (Washington) unsupplied. ington, D. C.
 Ninth-street (Washington)—P. T. Hall.....377 High St., Georgetown, D. C.
 Georgetown—S. B. Southerland, T. E. Coulbourn. Georgetown, D. C.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS—Continued. Postoffice.

Alexandria—S. B. Tredway.....Alexandria, Va.
Potomac—W. W. White.....Georgetown, D. C.
Guilford unsupplied.
Jackson Grove Camp unsupplied.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 7—J. T. Murray, Chairman.

Westminster—J. T. Murray.....Westminster, Md.
Pipe Creek—C. H. Littleton.....Uniontown, "
Liberty—J. M. Brown.....Libertytown, "
Jefferson—J. L. Mills.....Frederick City, "
Frederick—Jesse Shreeve, W. H. Stone.....New Market, "
A. Baker, Supernumerary Assistant.
Frederick City unsupplied.
Middleway Circuit—W. F. Livingston.....Middleway, W. Va.
Harper's Ferry Mission unsupplied.
Cumberland—R. T. Smith.....Cumberland, Md.
Rainsburg—G. H. McFaden.....Rainsburg, Pa.
Concord—Henry Bruner.....Roxbury, "
Bedford—S. T. Ferguson.....Cumberland Valley, Pa.
Middlebrook unsupplied.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 8—L. W. Bates, Chairman.

Lynchburg—L. W. Bates.....Lynchburg, Va.
Campbell—A. J. Walter.....Marysville, "
Southside—J. G. Sullivan.....Spanish Oaks, Va.
✓ Surry Circ't and Amelia Miss'n—E. R. McGregor, Norfolk, "
Supernumerary Assistant to Surry Circuit, R. W. Berryman.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 9—Francis Brown, Chairman.

Charleston—Francis Brown.....Charleston, S. C.
Berkeley—E. R. Washington.....Berkeley, "

LOANED.

Pittsburgh—J. J. Murray, 19 Stockton avenue, Allegheny City, Pa.
St. John's, Baltimore—T. H. Lewis (A. Webster, pastor *emeritus*), 35 N. Liberty street, Baltimore, Md.
Heathsville—H. E. Miskimon, Heathsville, Va.
Montgomery—S. R. Murray, Montgomery, Ala.
Post Chaplain U. S. Army—David Wilson, Fort Meade, D. T.
Editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT—E. J. Drinkhouse, P. O. Box 706, Baltimore, Md.
President of Western Maryland College—J. T. Ward, Westminster, Md.
College Agent—P. L. Wilson, Johnsville, Md.
Superannuated—J. W. Everest, D. F. Ewell, W. T. Dumm, H. J. Day, J. A. McFaden, J. H. Ellegood, Thos. Lee, Jas. Thompson, I. T. Adkins, J. K. Nichols.
Left without appointment at their own request—Jeremiah Clay, H. C. Cushing, F. H. Mullineaux.

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SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 10th, 1881.

Roll was called and dues collected, amounting to \$35.20.

The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

Officers were elected as follows: 1st Vice-President, J. K. Nichols; 2d Vice-President, W. M. Strayer; Recording Secretary, W. R. Graham; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Board of Managers—E. J. Drinkhouse, H. F. Zollickoffer, S. C. Tall, J. G. Clarke, J. D. Kinzer, C. T. Gibson, Pastor Starr, Pastor Washington-Street.

Article X. of the Constitution was amended by striking out the proviso beginning on page 30, line 7 from bottom.

The Society adjourned.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 14th, 1881.

The roll of members of the Society was called, and the annual dues were paid to the amount of \$59.50.

W. S. Hammond, the Treasurer, read his report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay to Dr. Drinkhouse \$3 50, the cost of recording the deed of Hull-Street Church, Baltimore.

The following officers were elected: President—R. S. Norris; Vice-President, Jesse Shreeve; 2d Vice-President, D. W. Bates; Board of Managers—Pastor of West Baltimore Station, Pastor of Starr Church, Pastor of South Baltimore Station, A. W. Mather, G. H. Erdman, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. J. C. Dulany, J. G. Clarke; Treasurer, W. S. Hammond; Secretary, J. D. Kinzer.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to have 1,000 copies of the Juvenile Missionary Certificates printed.

J. E. Maloy presented to the Society the deed of the M. P. Church, of Frederick city, it having been duly recorded.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

FINANCIAL
AND
STATISTICAL
TABLES.

I.—FINANCIAL REPORT.—COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 9TH, 1881.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superann'd F. Society.	Tract.	Home and F. Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Pastor's Salary.	Assistant's Salary.	Amount Paid.
Accomac.....			\$0.50	\$1.00	\$2.00		\$1.21	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$450.00		\$350.37
Alexandria.....	\$2.02		2.00	4.04	5.16		6.00	20.00	25.00	500.00		500.00
All Saints.....	37		55	87	1.92		85	4.89		180.00		150.96
Anne Arundel.....	1.94		3.04	2.00	8.67		7.15	14.76	30.00	675.00	\$275.00	793.00
Baltimore.....	2.00	\$2.00	3.00	5.00	20.00	\$1.00	5.00	16.00	40.00	600.00	200.00	655.26
Bedford.....	1.10		1.05	4.25	10.00	50	6.00	14.00	35.00	450.00		410.00
Belair.....	2.00		2.00		30.00		7.00	28.00	40.00	700.00		616.55
Cambridge.....												
Campbell.....	55		50	75	1.00	40	1.00	5.00	15.00	100.00		100.65
Caroline.....	3.10	2.00	2.20	5.00	6.00	1.00	5.00	15.00	60.00	500.00	210.00	600.00
Cecil.....	1.61	2.00	1.10	6.00	7.00	1.01	14.00	13.00	30.00	600.00		600.00
Centreville.....	4.00		1.00	5.00	25.00	1.25	25.00	42.00	35.00	700.00		700.00
Chesapeake.....	2.35		1.81	1.75	6.13	1.81	3.00	11.00	20.00	450.00		450.00
Chestertown.....	1.00		2.31	7.50	59.00		7.70	70.00	35.00	600.00		600.00
Chincoteague.....	50		25	1.00	50		1.00	5.00	5.00	150.00		150.00
Clayton.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	8.00		3.00	10.00	20.00	400.00		414.07
Concord.....	2.00	4.00	1.00	9.00	20.05	1.00	6.66	20.45	25.00	460.00		460.00
Crumpton.....	25	50	25	39	1.00		1.00	1.00	15.00	300.00		300.00
Cumberland.....	50		2.00	23.76	4.00	25	2.75	13.30	25.00	500.00		500.00
Deer Creek.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.85	5.25	50	1.00	12.50	15.00	350.00		350.00
Dorchester.....	1.00	1.00	2.00		5.00	1.00	5.00	20.00	35.00	575.00	250.00	750.00
East Baltimore...	1.00		50	15.00	10.00		20.00	27.35	40.00	800.00		900.00
Easton.....	8.60	3.76	2.50	7.50	50.40	2.50	10.00	40.85	40.00	800.00		800.00
Ellicott City.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	7.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	350.00		350.00
Eutaw.....	8.00	2.78	1.58	9.65	9.45		4.23	18.00	20.00	500.00		500.00
Faith Mission.....	32	45	35	50	62	30	26	50	2.50			65.00
Fawn Grove.....	50		61	10.00	5.00		2.50	8.00	30.00	600.00		600.00
Finksburg.....	3.00		1.00	5.00	15.00		8.00	20.00	40.00	600.00	200.00	665.00

1st Church, Pitts'h					10.00							
1st Church, Wash.	1.30	1.10	1.50	5.00	6.00		5.00	15.00	25.00	800.00		650.00
Franklin City....	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	4.00		2.00	4.00	20.00	325.00		325.00
Frederick.....	7.50		5.00	11.22	7.65		20.00	34.55	50.00	600.00	200.00	762.65
Georgetown.....	3.00		3.67	22.00	28.63		41.30		70.00	1,350.00	440.00	1,790.00
Guilford												
Hampden.....	1.00	1.00	1.25	4.00	5.00	50	3.75	15.00	15.00	600.00		600.00
Harper's Ferry...	40	35	25	1.52	2.00	12	1.10	5.00	4.50	200.00		200.00
Heathsville.....			1.00		10.00		10.00	20.00	20.00	550.00		418.15
Howard.....			4.00	4.00	20.29		10.00	31.00	42.75	600.00	*134.00	685.00
Jefferson.....	3.00	11.44	2.00	5.76	15.00	2.00	27.17	40.00	40.00	600.00		600.00
Kennedyville.....	2.50		1.50	9.66	15.00		9.00	10.00	10.00	250.00		250.00
Kent Island.....	35		89	75	62	10	78	6.80	20.00	400.00		365.00
Laurel.....	6.50		1.55	3.00	8.50		4.00	5.00	30.00	600.00		550.00
Leipsic.....	50	1.50	75		3.00		5.00	2.00	10.00	300.00		300.00
Liberty.....	3.00		2.70	6.53	8.37		19.40	27.30	44.56	525.00		472.50
Lynchburg.....	5.00	10.00	5.00	30.50	34.00		21.11	34.00	50.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Middleway.....		1.00	75	50	4.00		3.00	5.00	15.00	350.00		303.80
Milford.....			2.44	2.30	5.00		1.70	5.74	10.00	100.00		100.00
Milton.....	10.00	2.05	1.02	1.40	5.09	51	1.55	6.32	20.00	600.00		400.00
Montgomery.....					25.00							
Newark.....	6.50		2.00	10.43	10.81		33.35	12.68	50.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
9th-St., Wash'n...	1.46	1.00	1.11	5.02	2.00	1.00	1.00	20.00	32.95	*300.00		300.00
N.C. Ave, Wash..	50							5.50	8.25	*100.00		100.00
Pipe Creek.....	5.00		3.00	6.00	9.00		9.00	12.00	40.00	650.00		650.00
Pocomoke.....	47	1.20	1.32	75	1.80	19	1.36	4.37	25.00	350.00		350.00
Pocomoke City...	3.00	3.00	3.10	6.00	10.50	1.00	3.00	22.75	40.00	700.00		700.00
Potomac.....	2.00	50	50	1.00	3.50	35	5.00	10.00	8.00	250.00		235.00
Preston.....	13	63	1.24	67	3.94	83	4.57	61	15.00	300.00		300.00
Quantico.....	50			2.00	4.00	50	5.00	8.00	20.00	280.00		260.00
Queen Anne's.....			1.39	5.85	10.00		10.99	40.00	25.00	450.00		462.00
Rainsburg.....	1.00		1.00	2.00	2.00		10.18	5.00	15.00	230.00		230.00
Rowlandsville....	1.50	1.75	1.75	3.00	8.50		5.00	15.00	15.00	400.00		335.00
Salisbury.....	75	1.50	1.00	1.76	2.00	25	3.00	2.00	15.00	400.00		400.00
Seaford.....	1.50	30	75	1.75	3.50		5.40	5.05	20.00	500.00		453.13
Snow Hill.....	25		40	25	2.00		1.75	5.00	15.00	275.00		275.00
Somerset.....	10.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	25.00		31.65	15.00	30.00	675.00		776.82

FINANCIAL REPORT—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superannu'd F. Society.	Tract.	Home and F. Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Pastor's Salary.	Assistant's Salary.	Amount Paid.
South Baltimore..	\$2.25		\$1.50	\$5.00	\$10.00		\$9.00	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$600.00		\$600.00
Southside.....	60		1.00	1.00	1.00	\$0.50	2.00	5.00	8.00	150.00		111.75
Starr	5.00	\$5.60	3.00	57.65	40.50	5.00	25.00	90.00	50.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
Stewartstown....	1.35	1.00	2.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	4.00	30.00	30.00	700.00		700.00
St. James.....	2.00		1.50	10.71	60.00		10.00	50.00	35.00	550.00		550.00
St. John's.....	50.00				10.25	15.00	200.00					
St. Michael's....	75				4.75		4.50	7.00	20.00	450.00		450.00
Surry.....				1.00	1.00			5.00	10.00	300.00		304.00
Susquehanna....	1.97		1.85	4.07	10.00	1.70	10.00	35.00	35.00	600.00		600.00
Sussex.....	75	1.25	1.14	2.45	3.07		4.29	7.21	10.00	310.00		285.00
Talbot.....	2.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	6.00	1.00	15.00	16.00	25.00	600.00		600.00
Union.....	50		1.00	2.75	4.00	25	2.00	4.00	25.00	500.00		500.00
Warwick.....	1.63		2.50	15.31	11.43	53	8.00	35.00	45.00	700.00		700.00
Washington-St...	1.18	2.50	2.15	4.75	21.00		3.00	20.25	30.00	720.00		661.00
West Baltimore..	17.68		3.00	51.00	60.00	22.00	50.00	40.00	40.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Westminster....	11.00	4.37	2.83	5.40	11.85	2.00	5.00	30.52		900.00		900.00
Whaleyville.....	1.15	5.00	1.12	4.00	5.50	30	6.00	12.50	40.00	435.00	\$175.00	560.41
Williamsport....												
Wilmington.....			15	27	20		40	25	3.00			
Berkeley, S. C...	4.00		3.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	10.00	500.00		146.00
Charleston, S. C..			5.75					5.00	10.00	527.54		527.54
Mrs. T. A. Reese.	150.00											
Total.....	\$384.13	\$88.53	\$127.92	\$473.29	\$909.40	\$72.15	\$833.11	\$1,309.50	\$2,074.51	\$40,742.54	\$2,084.00	\$40,772.11

*For part of the year.

II.—FINANCIAL REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 9TH, 1881.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Tract.	Home and For- eign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Ecumenical Council.
Accomac.....	Col.	\$21.50	Col.	\$21.50	Col.	Col.	\$21.50	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$1.50
Alexandria.....	Col.	17.80	Col.	17.80	Col.	Col.	17.80	25.00	25.00	2.50
All Saints.....	Col.	4.30	Col.	4.30	Col.	Col.	4.30	.....	10.00	1.00
Anne Arundel...	Col.	25.60	Col.	25.60	Col.	Col.	25.60	25.00	30.00	3.00
Baltimore.....	Col.	24.00	Col.	24.00	Col.	Col.	24.00	30.00	40.00	4.00
Bedford.....	Col.	12.70	Col.	12.70	Col.	Col.	12.70	42.00	35.00	3.50
Belair.....	Col.	17.40	Col.	17.40	Col.	Col.	17.40	50.00	40.00	4.00
Broadway.....	Col.	8.80	Col.	8.80	Col.	Col.	8.80	10.00	15.00	1.50
Campbell.....	Col.	8.10	Col.	8.10	Col.	Col.	8.10	15.00	15.00	1.50
Caroline.....	Col.	40.60	Col.	40.60	Col.	Col.	40.60	45.00	50.00	5.00
Cecil.....	Col.	24.00	Col.	24.00	Col.	Col.	24.00	40.00	40.00	4.00
Centreville.....	Col.	11.70	Col.	11.70	Col.	Col.	11.70	50.00	40.00	4.00
Chesapeake.....	Col.	8.60	Col.	8.60	Col.	Col.	8.60	20.00	25.00	2.50
Clayton.....	Col.	16.40	Col.	16.40	Col.	Col.	16.40	25.00	20.00	2.00
Chestertown....	Col.	14.40	Col.	14.40	Col.	Col.	14.40	65.00	40.00	4.00
Chincoteague...	Col.	5.00	Col.	5.00	Col.	Col.	5.00	.....	5.00	50
Concord.....	Col.	13.60	Col.	13.60	Col.	Col.	13.60	15.00	25.00	2.50
Crumpton.....	Col.	6.60	Col.	6.60	Col.	Col.	6.60	15.00	15.00	1.50
Cumberland.....	Col.	14.70	Col.	14.70	Col.	Col.	14.70	30.00	25.00	2.50
Deer Creek.....	Col.	9.00	Col.	9.00	Col.	Col.	9.00	15.00	15.00	1.50
Dorchester.....	Col.	32.70	Col.	32.70	Col.	Col.	32.70	30.00	35.00	3.50
E. Baltimore....	Col.	18.50	Col.	18.50	Col.	Col.	18.50	50.00	40.00	4.00
Easton.....	Col.	15.60	Col.	15.60	Col.	Col.	15.60	65.00	40.00	4.00
Ellicott City....	Col.	8.50	Col.	8.50	Col.	Col.	8.50	18.00	10.00	1.00
Eutaw.....	Col.	8.20	Col.	8.20	Col.	Col.	8.20	25.00	20.00	2.00
Faith Mission...	Col.	1.60	Col.	1.60	Col.	Col.	1.60	.....	.....	.....
Fawn Grove....	Col.	30.00	Col.	30.00	Col.	Col.	30.00	30.00	30.00	3.00
Finksburg.....	Col.	37.00	Col.	37.00	Col.	Col.	37.00	35.00	40.00	4.00
First Ch., Wash.	Col.	16.40	Col.	16.40	Col.	Col.	16.40	40.00	25.00	2.50
Franklin City...	Col.	16.00	Col.	16.00	Col.	Col.	16.00	15.00	20.00	2.00
Frederick.....	Col.	51.30	Col.	51.30	Col.	Col.	51.30	50.00	50.00	5.00
Georgetown.....	Col.	26.60	Col.	26.60	Col.	Col.	26.60	.....	70.00	7.00
Guilford.....	Col.	3.30	Col.	3.30	Col.	Col.	3.30	.....	.....	.....
Hampden.....	Col.	22.10	Col.	22.10	Col.	Col.	22.10	20.00	20.00	2.00
Harper's Ferry..	Col.	9.40	Col.	9.40	Col.	Col.	9.40	.....	10.00	1.00
Harrington.....	Col.	4.40	Col.	4.40	Col.	Col.	4.40	10.00	10.00	1.00
Howard.....	Col.	36.00	Col.	36.00	Col.	Col.	36.00	40.00	45.00	4.50
Hull-Street.....	Col.	.....	Col.	.....	Col.	Col.	.....	10.00	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	Col.	8.50	Col.	8.50	Col.	Col.	8.50	40.00	40.00	4.00
Kennedyville....	Col.	11.50	Col.	11.50	Col.	Col.	11.50	15.00	15.00	1.50
Kent Island.....	Col.	15.30	Col.	15.30	Col.	Col.	15.30	15.00	20.00	2.00
Laurel.....	Col.	12.50	Col.	12.50	Col.	Col.	12.50	30.00	25.00	2.50
Leipsic.....	Col.	8.60	Col.	8.60	Col.	Col.	8.60	17.00	15.00	1.50
Liberty.....	Col.	18.10	Col.	18.10	Col.	Col.	18.10	40.00	40.00	4.00
Lynchburg.....	Col.	23.80	Col.	23.80	Col.	Col.	23.80	42.00	55.00	5.50
Middleway.....	Col.	11.50	Col.	11.50	Col.	Col.	11.50	15.00	15.00	1.50
Milton.....	Col.	22.20	Col.	22.20	Col.	Col.	22.20	15.00	20.00	2.00
Newark.....	Col.	33.10	Col.	33.10	Col.	Col.	33.10	45.00	60.00	6.00
Ninth-Street....	Col.	13.90	Col.	13.90	Col.	Col.	13.90	25.00	35.00	3.50

II.—FINANCIAL REPORT.—*Assessments Continued.*

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I.—CHURCH STATISTICS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS FOR 1881, TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Parsonages.	Churches.	Church Periodicals.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.
Accomac.....	215	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	13	\$3,850.00	.....
Alexandria.....	178	2	10	6	.....	4	12	.....	12	1	1	16	8,000.00	.....
All Saints.....	43	1	7	.....	.....	.....	1	7	.....	.....	1	6	3,000.00	.....
Anne Arundel.....	256	20	3	2	2	4	.....	.....	5	1	6	12	11,900.00	.....
Baltimore.....	240	.....	23	.....	3	.....	.....	20	.....	1	3	.....	2,780.00	.....
Bedford.....	127	13	11	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	5	13	7,000.00	\$100.00
Belair.....	174	.....	6	3	6	.....	50	.....	33	1	5	12	8,000.00	.....
Broadway.....	88	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	1	1	3	25,000.00	10,000.00
Campbell.....	81	4	7	.....	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	3	7	1,800.00	.....
Cambridge (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	406	60	40	10	.....	41	37	.....	50	1	8	23	13 000.00	.....
Cecil.....	240	5	39	3	4	.....	12	21	.....	1	5	18	11,000.00	100.00
Centreville.....	117	10	10	4	.....	1	.....	5	.....	1	1	.....	10 000.00	.....
Chesapeake.....	86	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	2	16	7 000.00	.....
Clayton.....	164	10	26	1	7	.....	23	.....	5	.....	3	12	2,900.00	.....
Chestertown.....	144	43	48	6	2	2	.....	40	.....	1	1	35	7,000.00	.....
Chincoteague.....	50	11	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	1	.....	500.00	.....
Concord.....	136	.....	44	1	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	1	3	20	6,055.00	12.00
Crumpton.....	66	.....	4	1	2	10	5	.....	12	.....	2	7	2,600.00	365.00
Cumberland.....	147	.....	8	.....	1	1	5	.....	.....	1	1	20	10,000.00	68.00
Deer Creek.....	90	1	6	.....	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	2	6	3,000.00	.....
Dorchester.....	327	.....	20	3	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	1	6	16	10,000.00	.....
East Baltimore (Mount Lebanon).....	185	.....	75	2	25	.....	75	.....	15	1	1	.....	22,000.00	400.00
Easton.....	156	4	6	2	.....	2	2	.....	1	1	1	31	15,000.00	.....
Ellicott City.....	85	.....	10	.....	1	6	.....	3	.....	.....	2	8	1,700.00	.....

I.—CHURCH STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probation'rs	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontin'd.	Increase.	Decrease.	Parsonages.	Churches.	Church Periodicals.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.
Eutaw.....	82	7	3	...	...	2	1	5	...	1	1	11	\$4,800.00	.....
Faith.....	16	21	1	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	100.00	.....
Fawn Grove.....	300	36	5	3	6	...	16	...	20	1	4	10	800.00	\$40 00
Finksburg.....	370	...	6	2	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	16,000.00	500.00
First Church, Washington.....	164	2	8	4	3	...	12	...	15	1	1	10	10,000.00	1,350.00
Franklin City.....	160	24	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	3,000.00	.....
Frederick City (no report).....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000.00	.....
Frederick.....	513	14	22	7	...	6	...	14	...	1	8	...	14,000.00	.....
Georgetown.....	266	...	20	5	...	5	...	10	...	1	2	37	40,000.00	.....
Guilford.....	33	3	2	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	2	...	3,000.00	.....
Hampden.....	221	...	30	4	...	25	5	...	6	...	1	7	8,000.00	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	94	...	2	1	1	2	1	2	...	1	1	6	6,000.00	250.00
Howard.....	360	...	24	1	...	4	14	6	...	1	8½	49	11,900.00	.....
Jefferson.....	85	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	28	8,000.00	.....
Kennedville.....	115	1	13	3	...	2	...	8	...	...	1	12	3,000.00	.....
Kent Island.....	153	9	4	7	...	...	3	...	4	1	2	11	8,100.00	517.50
Laurel.....	125	3	3	...	...	...	49	...	49	1	1	19	6,000.00	.....
Liberty.....	181	5	3	4	...	6	31	...	5	1	4	20	9,000.00	.....
Leipsic.....	86	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	9	3,200.00	.....
Lynchburg.....	238	1	10	7	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	32	14,000.00	.....
Middlebrook (no report).....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Middleway.....	115	...	1	1	4	1	...	...	6	...	1	...	1,200.00	.....
Milford.....	44	5	49	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	1	2	1,200.00	.....
Milton.....	222	73	6	1	...	...	...	6	...	1	3	12	4,800.00	.....
Newark.....	331	41	94	1	5	...	25	27	...	1	1	...	35,000.00	3,600.00
Ninth-Street, Washington.....	139	...	15	2	...	...	...	13	...	1	1	10	40,000.00	6,000.00
North Carolina Avenue.....	45	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	4	...	1	4	3,000.00	750.00
Pipe Creek.....	284	9	17	2	...	...	...	15	...	1	3	30	14,350.00	.....

Pocomoke	204	13	4	1	3	14	9	4	8	\$4,000.00	
Pocomoke City.....	180	2	2	1	2	2	5	2	25	2,500.00	
Potomac.....	85	4				23	20	1	5	3,500.00	
Preston.....	193	6			2	4	6	1	5	4,700.00	
Quantico.....	192	5	1	2	2				5	6,100.00	
Queen Anne's.....	116	1	23		2	4	17	1	9	3,800.00	
Rainsburg.....	54	3		1	1		1		11	3,300.00	
Rowlandsville.....	215	6	24	4			20		9	6,000.00	
Salisbury	113	9	11	5	1	9	14	21	10	7,000.00	
St. Luke (no report).....											
Seaford.....	145		2	5	7	2	12	19	16	9,100.00	\$185.28
Snow Hill.....	117		18	2	1		15			2,800.00	350.00
Somerset.....	340	52		1		3			9	3,000.00	
Southside.....	108		25	6		1	2	16	9	2,000.00	
St. James'	84	2	12	1			10		24	8,000.00	
St. Michael's.....	77		3		1		5	6	13	4,000.00	
Starr	276	28	38	4	5	3	26	1	16	43,000.00	
South Baltimore.....	132	34	16	5	4	2	3	5		21,000.00	
Stewartstown.....	272	30	11				11	1	18	9,100.00	
Susquehanna.....	164		4				4	1	19	10,000.00	163.00
Surry.....	151	9	9	7	2	1			15	2,000.00	
Sussex.....	98	2	2				4	1	13	2,500.00	75.00
Talbot.....	208		12	4		4	20	16	26	5,000.00	
Union.....	230		30	1			12	10	5	6,000.00	
Washington-Street.....	170	10	27	4	5	3	7	14	6	17,000.00	350.00
Warwick.....	310	1	8	7	6	7	20	40	29	9,000.00	
Westminster.....	190	2	28	4		4	15	6	40	18,400.00	
West Baltimore	196	8	37	3	6		1	27	39	14,000.00	
Whaleyville.....	382		33	4	17	14	8	15	18	6,000.00	24.21
Williamsport (no report).....											
Wilmington.....	31	2	3		7		13	21	7	2,500.00	1,799.52
Colored.											
Berkeley, S. C.....	639	186	36	26	24	19	7	50	3	500.00	125.00
Charleston, S. C.....	335	47	35	19	2			30	1	3,000.00	
Total.....	14,473	881	1,223	230	170	208	573	593	458	59,210.4	\$27,124.51

II.—SABBATH-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS FOR 1881, TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	Number of Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
Accomac.....	2	12	20	180	50	20	600	...
Alexandria.....	1	5	17	133	175	30	325	3
All Saints.....	3	5	10	90	20	.....	150	6
Anne Arundel.....	4	13	25	207	50	50	325	...
Baltimore.....	5	15	24	260	.....	.....	300	15
Bedford.....	5	30	32	200	150	50	450	...
Belair.....	4	20	24	215	185	.....	200	2
Broadway.....	1	6	11	131	150	.....	325	...
Campbell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	8	31	66	490	.....	.....	1,050	20
Cecil.....	5	15	40	425	200	.....	1,100	...
Centreville.....	1	4	13	115	89	54	200	5
Chesapeake.....	2	9	12	114	125	.....	220	...
Clayton.....	3	13	15	160	93	.....	470	11
Chestertown.....	1	6	28	189	150	.....	500	30
Chincoteague (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	2½	10	15	75	60	60	150	...
Crumpton.....	2	6	12	135	25	.....	175	2
Cumberland.....	1	7	22	200	120	50	176	...
Deer Creek.....	2	7	12	150	.....	180	220	1
Dorchester.....	6	18	36	260	150	.....	400	2
East Baltimore.....	1	5	22	175	.....	.....	800	...
Easton.....	1	11	23	148	125	25	.....	3
Ellicott City.....	2	15	20	180	60	.....	500	5
Eutaw.....	1	4	9	140	75	.....	.....	2
Faith.....	1	3	9	120	50	.....	.....	3
Fawn Grove.....	5	25	40	500	130	75	800	9
Finksburg.....	7	.....	72	550	200	.....	1,200	...
First Church, Washington.....	1	8	15	160	135	.....	300	3
Franklin City.....	2	8	16	120	32	.....	600	4
Frederick City (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frederick.....	8	34	53	465	140	.....	1,110	3
Georgetown.....	2	12	29	381	400	25	818	2
Guilford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampden.....	1	8	23	283	200	4	380	9
Harper's Ferry.....	1	6	14	90	100	.....	300	1
Howard.....	7	28	50	421	135	.....	900	...
Jefferson.....	3	15	38	185	125	75	1,000	...
Kennedyville.....	1	8	15	130	117	45	450	8
Kent Island.....	1	7	16	124	.....	25	225	3
Laurel.....	1	5	17	110	75	.....	225	...
Liberty.....	4	17	47	371	225	10	700	5
Leipsic.....	1	5	5	117	109	1	.....	...
Lynchburg.....	1	5	20	129	125	20	300	2
Middlebrook (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleway.....	3	9	18	173	155	.....	240	...
Milford.....	1	4	6	64	25	.....	.....	...
Milton.....	3	8	20	130	60	.....	400	5
Newark.....	2	9	26	308	160	100	750	16

II.—SABBATH-SCHOOL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Number of Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
Ninth-Street, Washington....	1	7	18	141	75	50	700	8
North Carolina Avenue	1	5	6	100	.....	.....	100	.....
Pipe Creek.....	3	15	35	254	150	.....	1,400	2
Pocomoke	2	4	15	107	22	.....	20	6
Pocomoke City.....	2	10	21	190	125	.....	250	.....
Potomac	2	10	12	124	.....	.....	750	.....
Preston	2	10	16	171	25	.....	104	1
Quantico.....	3	10	21	140	90	.....	.....	4
Queen Anne's.....	2	3	12	100	50	.....	.....	19
Rainsburg	1	6	9	72	107	.....	225	.....
Rowlandsville.....	4	20	30	275	250	50	400	2
Salisbury	2	8	13	100	119	.....	250	4
St. Luke (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seaford	2	4	6	60	.....	.....	200	.....
Snow Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Somerset.....	3	9	21	225	275	75	125	.....
Southside.....	2	7	10	.....	50	.....	158	8
St. James'	2	10	18	105	125	25	150	2
St. Michael's.....	1	2	4	35	.....	.....	250	.....
Starr	1	7	38	483	287	75	450	12
South Baltimore.....	1	8	27	160	150	.....	.....	3
Stewartstown.....	3	21	29	241	175	25	960	1
Susquehanna	3	10	24	168	100	.....	800	1
Surry.....	2	8	10	60	16	.....	.....	.....
Sussex.....	4	6	16	160	75	.....	200	1
Talbot	2	10	19	200	120	.....	351	1
Union	5	10	45	225	40	.....	125	8
Washington-Street	2	7	24	280	200	.....	200	2
Warwick	3	6	23	176	102	.....	500	.....
Westminster.....	1	8	18	169	93	30	552	6
West Baltimore	1	8	17	240	205	.....	517	7
Whaleyville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsport (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Colored.</i>								
Berkeley.....	5	5	8	160	.....	.....	.....	20
Charleston.....	1	4	6	250	100	.....	60	.....
Total.....	188½	729	1,538	14,674	7,896	1,229	29,131	298

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SMITH,

Committee on Statistics.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the resolution found on page 25 of the Minutes of 1876: "That the Conference Steward be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes," be rescinded.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund be requested to make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

Resolved, That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund Society hold his office from the time of his election until his successor be elected, and that he be authorized to receive and distribute the collection lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to co-operate and act in harmony with the Board of Missions in all their projects for acquiring property and sending missionaries to foreign lands.

Resolved, That the sum of \$238.69 remaining from the appropriation to the Virginia Aid Society, and the sum of \$15.18 remaining from the sale of the Norfolk Church, be passed to the credit of the missionary claimants of the Conference year beginning March 9, 1881.

Resolved, That the action of Chincoteague Mission in selling the parsonage and applying a portion of the proceeds to the payment of salary, is a violation of a rule of this Conference, and it hereby records its decided disapprobation.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the laudable efforts of Prof. Stephens, editor and proprietor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT MAGAZINE, and of Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, and editor and proprietor of THE MISSIONARY, to supply our denomination with the special literature they represent at their own risk and charges, and that we will encourage these enterprises as far as possible.

Resolved, That being informed that Rev. David Wilson, M. D., has ready for the press a general Church history, we express our gratification at the completion of the work, and hope to learn of its speedy publication.

Resolved, That hereafter the Bible collections of the churches of the District of Columbia shall be handed over to the District of Columbia Bible Society, and their receipt taken for the same; and that they shall have credit for said collection in the minutes of this Conference on presentation of said receipt.

Resolved, That Dr. Ward, Dr. J. W. Hering and Dr. J. L. Mills be, and hereby are constituted a committee, to devise some measure by which to secure at the earliest possible date sufficient funds to supply the deficiency in subscription to pay the College debt.

Resolved, That Dr. J. T. Murray, Rev. P. L. Wilson and Dr. Chas. Billingslea be a committee to mature some plan by which systematic theology may be

taught the graduates of Western Maryland College who are preparing for the Christian ministry, and report the same to the next session of this Conference.

WHEREAS, We have two colored churches in the State of South Carolina, whose only intercourse with the Conference has heretofore been the visits of their respective pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of this Conference be, and hereby is requested, to visit those churches during the year, and appropriate the contributions of said churches to defray his traveling expenses.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the citizens of Cumberland and vicinity who have kindly entertained us during this session.

Resolved, That the deficiency on Broadway debt be referred to the President of the Conference and the Standing District Committee, to devise means for the collection of the amount as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee and College Agent are hereby requested to collect if possible all unpaid pledges by the first of May next.

2. That the Conference now pledges the College contributions to be taken next year under General Conference order to the payment of the debt, if needed, and urge the pastors to exert themselves in this behalf.

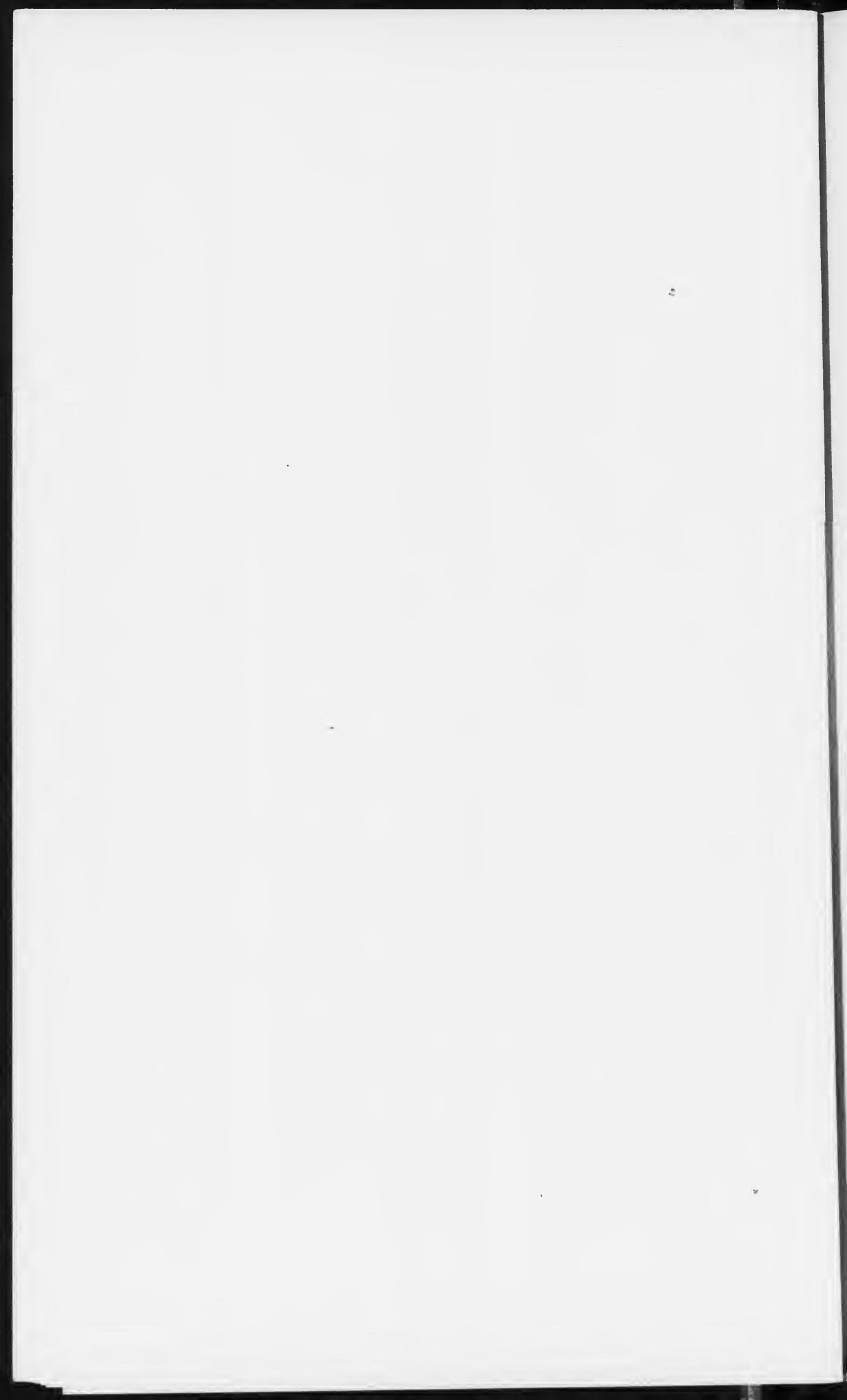
Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the different railroads and steamboats that have complimented the members, by passing them over their different routes at reduced rates.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due to Rev. A. J. Walter for the faithful performance of his services as postmaster.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the secretaries for the faithful performance of their duties.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of Minutes be requested to print, in tabular form, in the Minutes, the amount expected from each charge, for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Colleges, at the rate of an average of ten cents for each member.

Resolved, That the Conference takes great pleasure in extending its most hearty congratulations to Rev. T. H. Lewis, Editor of *The Conference Record*, on the daily he has published.



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